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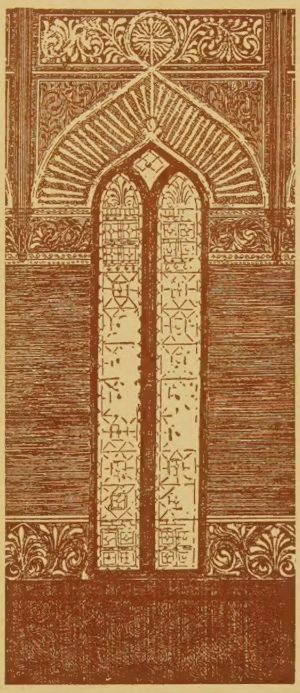

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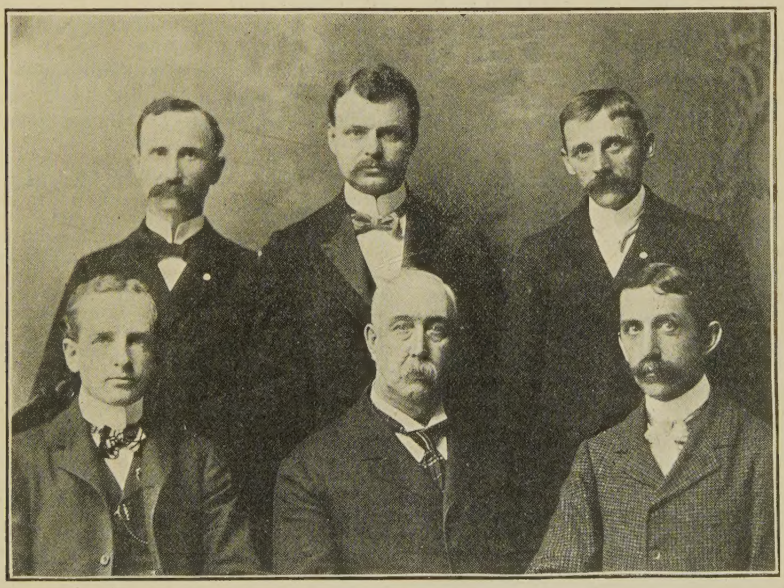
Fourth Convention, at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 22, 23, 24, 1900

By Rev. H. Branson Richards

TO say that the Fourth Convention of the Luther League of America was a grand convention, would imperfectly express the spirit of the meeting that was held in Cincinnati on May 22, 23 and 24. It was grand in some respects, but more than grand in many; it was inspiring, it was uplifting. Its temper and spirit were all that could be desired.

There were many who were sorry when the last "amen" was sung and parting greetings exchanged. There are many more who have heard of the convention since, and who will no doubt make sure they are present at the next one.

Those who were present, and many who could not attend, will, we hope, read the following report with interest and profit.



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Tuesday, May 22

During the whole day of Tuesday, May 22, delegates and visitors continued to arrive in Cincinnati, the Queen City of the West, for the Fourth Convention of the Luther League of America. The smoke of the busy city seemed to wave a beckoning hand of welcome. It appeared to be a beacon to the

hosts of young people gathering from the four points of the compass. A large Reception Committee was present at the various railroad stations to personify the welcome, and to give that grasp of the hand which makes the visitor know that he is in the midst of brethren. The arriving Leaguers must have thought that

Every house was an inn, where all were welcomed and feasted;
All things were held in common, and what one had was another's,

for the Reception Committee made every one feel at home. Delegates were at once taken to the First Lutheran Church, and after registering were supplied with a convention badge.

Tuesday Evening, May 22

The first session was held on Tuesday evening. As the delegates entered the large auditorium of the First Church they were impressed by the beautiful floral decorations and by the general display of the national colors bordered by black and gold, all combining to make up the colors of the Luther League. In the front of the Church was the well-known banner of Trinity League of Lancaster, Pa., which has been seen at every national meeting, and at all the conventions of the Pennsylvania State League. In the presence of a large audience Rev. Dr. Ziegler, pastor *loci*, conducted the opening devotional services, consisting of the hymn "O Bless the Lord, My Soul," followed by the responsive reading of Psalm 150. Rev. J. E. Whitteker of Rochester, Pa., offered prayer, and the Scripture lessons were read by Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., of Springfield, Ohio. The addresses of welcome followed the singing of the hymn "Come Thou Almighty King." Upon behalf of the local Leagues and the First Church, **Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D.,** said:

I address you as Lutheran Christians; I do not say Christian Lutherans, for there are no other kind. We are a church and represent something. It has a mission such as no other organization. It is to propagate the knowledge of the redeeming love of God in Christ Jesus—not only to disseminate, but also to propagate it. This is a most exalted mission. It is exemplified in the individual by manifesting the power of it in the life of the individual believer. That is why we are welcoming you. This mission is based on the character of the Church. The Church is the divine agency of accomplishing this object. The foundation is divine in all its roots and branches. This must be realized, and is best realized to-day in the consecrated activity of youth. I voice the sentiment of this Luther League and of this congregation when I say that the Luther League of America is not the least of the agencies for the accomplishing of this mission. The League is the broadest of all the young peoples' societies. It welcomes as delegates those from any society of a Lutheran congregation, whatever the society may be. No pledge must be taken except as you have taken a pledge in uniting with the Church. I need not assure you that you are welcome since you stand for this broad thought.

"Since you belong to Luther's band
Here's my heart and here's my hand."

Rev. E. R. Wagner spoke for the Lutheran Ministerial Association, of which he is the president. Among other things he said:

The word "league" can be defined as distance between two points or as progress. Luther League, therefore, means Luther progress. A Frenchman once remarked that religion could not be expressed in the German tongue. To disprove this we know that Luther's books have long been before the people. They contain the thunders of Sinai and will stand the shock of all ages. Luther made himself understood, and yet it took nearly seven centuries for a great man like Copernicus to be understood. The religion of Christ can be expressed in German and in every tongue and dialect. We sometimes hear it stated that Lutherans have no religion. But it was a Lutheran king who, in time of persecution, said, "We must not use force in matters of religion," and it was Jesus Christ who said, "I lead My sheep in and out." Some time all nations will turn to the Lutheran Church and its liberty as the sunflower to the sun. The grace of God be with you.

The last address of welcome was by **Louis Manss,** a prominent merchant, who spoke on behalf of the laity. His remarks were as follows:

I extend to you a hearty Christian welcome. It is well that you have come to us. This League, mighty as it now is, will still go on. We rejoice that you are with us because you represent the Mother Church of Protestantism, which for 400 years has been battling for Christ. We have no malice in our hearts against any one; we need envy none, since we already have more than 50,000,000 under our standard. It is a noble work to bring the young to love their Church, especially when that Church is the Lutheran—a model for Christianity. Your effort is to bring men up to the level which God desires, and my only hope and prayer is that you will keep straight to the mark. Your model is Martin Luther, who raised his banner of justification by faith, under which we will go forward to victory. I wish you a happy welcome, so that when you return homeward you may remember with pleasure the days you spend here.

After the choir of the Church had sung an anthem the President of the League, **E. F. Eilert,** of New York, responded in part as follows:

If I were to attempt to fittingly respond to the cordial greetings extended to us I fear words would utterly fail me. I know your welcome has been from the heart and we are all profoundly grateful. Only a few years ago it was strange to hear the name Lutheran applied to a religious denomination in this country. But now the Lutheran Church is one of the three largest Protestant bodies. This is not entirely due to immigration, but because Lutherans are realizing they have a mighty work to do in this country and are trying to seize the opportunity presented. One of the effects of this spirit of assertion is the Luther League. Hitherto we

had lost many of our young people, but now Lutheran young people are kept in touch with the Church and find in her a spiritual mother worthy of their love and support. The League in no sense intends to take the place of the Church. We purpose at this convention to discuss methods, means and men, and hope your prayers will ascend that God will bless everything to His glory.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the League a few words of response were spoken by **Wm. C. Stoever, Esq.,** of Philadelphia:

We have come here as Lutherans to learn what we can do through the methods of the Church, and, if possible, to secure some men and women to give better service to the cause of Christ. The Spirit of God is in our midst, and if our prayers are united in asking for His presence we cannot measure the results of this convention. Some have asked what is the object of the League? Let results speak for us. We study the Word of God. We have this one talent, which must be employed. We do this through the Luther League Topics. We study the history of our Church, and thus learn to appreciate what the Church is and make it better known—yes, to make God better known. In the Church we are doing what God would have done. No Lutheran is too old to be a member of the League. We are going on quietly, but some day we will waken to a realization of the work being done to-day. It has been stated that one-fourth of the money for foreign missions has been given by the young people. Who will say that the League should not have credit? We want not only to have the button in our lapels, but we want to have the sentiment in our hearts. We thank you for your welcome. We ask you to unite your prayers for the Spirit to send a blessing upon us and our work, and to go with us to our homes.

The closing devotional services were then conducted by Rev. Dr. Ziegler, and the session was closed. At once the meeting was transformed into a reception and social hour, for which the local Leagues had made abundant preparations for all. It would be impossible to name all those present, but the many faces seen for the first time at a League meeting were indicative of the many friends the organization has made for itself. That short hour was sufficient proof that Cincinnati hospitality is second to none, and that the Lutherans of that city are past-masters in the art of making visitors feel at home.

Wednesday Morning, May 23

A half hour's devotional service, led by F. A. Hartranft, Esq., of Philadelphia, began the sessions of the day. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. K. Frick of Milwaukee and Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D.D., of Springfield, Ohio, read I Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

The president then declared the convention opened, and as the first business presented his annual report, which in part is as follows:

This is the fifth year for our organization and we should ask whether our League has brought forth fruit. Young Lutherans have shown a greater spirit of loyalty since our first national convention. Our books have been brought to the attention of our members and those who have not known us. Our young people are active in the work of the Church, take an interest in the institutions of the Church and in mission work. These are only forerunners of what may be expected in the future. The number of State Leagues is 13. There has been a steady growth of Leagues in the country. The League must be of the Church, certainly not against it. The League must be by the Church and under the control of the Church authorities. It is for the Church. Its work is not for worldly objects nor for pleasure. When this is seen, then shall the League be known by its fruits.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, was then rendered as follows:

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Oct. 31.	*To Balance on Hand.*		$45.76
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	Donations and collections.....	$115.34	
	Proceeds from sale of bonds..	10.00	
	Dues.....	202.00	
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			$374.20
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
	General expenses	$12.09	
	Transportation	95.43	
	Stationery and printing.....	131.19	
	Postage account.	2.48	241.19
	Balance on hand		$133.01

Respectfully submitted,
CORNELIUS ECKHARDT, Treasurer.

This report was received and referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. F. A. Hartranft and W. L. Henrich.

The general secretary, Mr. M. C. Olson of Chicago, being unable to attend the convention, his report was read as follows:

Since our last convention two years have been added to the history of our League; years of tranquillity and quiet progress, the effect of which has been to strengthen our bulwarks and brought us nearer to the fulfillment of our object. It is true that no great stir has been made in the ranks of our Leaguers, nor can we say that we have greatly increased in numerical strength.

Nevertheless, the seed which was sown at our organization in Pittsburg and at subsequent conventions has borne fruit, and that, too, in some instances, a hundredfold. While it is true that we wish to see our League strong in numbers, that is by no means the chief thing to be accomplished; what we lack in this respect I am certain we more than make up in spiritual grace and power. The Luther League is no longer an experiment, if at any time it may have been looked at as such. It has proved itself a great blessing to more than one poor, struggling church; it has enlisted the time and talents of the young people and educated them to a knowledge of what they owe to their God and their Church. The League work, however, has been by no means at a standstill; local Leagues have been and are being organized all over the country. In Illinois no less than four District Leagues have been organized during the last

year; in Ohio four also. The outlook now for increased activity is very encouraging, and it is to be hoped that two years hence we will be able to report a doubling of our forces; with God's help and the assistance of every loyal Leaguer it can be done. In this connection I wish to repeat with added emphasis the recommendation made in my report of two years ago, "That this League elect a general secretary who can devote the greater part, if not all, of his time to the interests of the League."

It has been demonstrated to my entire satisfaction that if the Luther League of America is to increase in the measure it should, and to attain to the power and dignity befitting it as a representative of the greatest Protestant Church on earth, it must have at least one man who can devote his entire time and attention to the advancement of the Luther League work. This would necessitate the insuring of sufficient funds to pay a man a salary and expense.

I pray that God will guide and bless the deliberations of this convention, and that its results will be an added impetus to our work, a more thorough consecration, and a fuller realization of our duties as Christian men and women.

The report of the statistical secretary, George M. Jones, Esq., of Reading, Pa., was then read. Although not as satisfactory as desired on account of the meager reports sent to the secretary, it was a beginning, and much more complete returns are looked for in the next two years.

The Literature Committee reported through its chairman, Rev. Chas. L. Fry. Rev. George H. Schnur, the assistant literary secretary and editor of the Luther League Topics, in his report said:

In accord with the consensus of the opinions and suggestions that have been made, two schemes of themes have been arranged for the Topics for the years 1901 and 1902, respectively.

That for 1901 is based on parts of two old pericopes, and selected with a view of completing the studies from the life and teachings of Christ followed in the series of 1899.

Among the most urgent requests from lay members of the League are those for more doctrinal topics, the distinctive teachings of Lutheranism, etc. Others for a series on Luther and the great historical events of the Reformation. There was also a demand for the practical, bearing on our Church work of to-day. As a composite idea we outlined a series of themes for 1902, which, while somewhat of a departure from our previous policy, will offer a splendid opportunity to all of our societies to familiarize themselves with the distinctive principles, history and work of our Church.

The idea is to assign a regular festival lesson to each of the great days of the Church year, and then to give two topics a month to Biblical doctrines distinctive of Lutheran teaching; one topic a month to missions, alternating the home and foreign work, and one topic a month to historical study of great events in Lutheran history. If adopted by the League the scheme implies the securing of special contributions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW from specialists in each of the missionary or historical subjects.

Thanking the workers of our League for their many words of cheer and encouragement in our sometimes difficult labor of love, I wish to express my appreciation of the confidence which has placed in my hands the important office of leading our young people in their Bible study during these two years. May our Heavenly Father lead us all in His own Way of Truth.

The Publication Committee reported through Wm. C. Stoever the splendid showing of the REVIEW, but urged an increase of subscriptions. F. A. Hartranft, Esq., reported for the Finance Committee. He said:

The committee had had little time to perform its duties, having only been appointed last November. Three things had demanded their attention: 1, expenses of the convention; 2, the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and, 3, to provide means to support a general secretary.

For the first the following subscriptions had been received:

Trinity Luther League, Lancaster, Pa.	$15.00
Trinity Luther League, Reading, Pa.	5.00
Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, Chillicothe, Ohio	1.00
Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb	5.00
Rev. Geo. C. Loos, Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00
Harry Steele	.50
Luther League, Phillipsburg, N. J.	1.50
Luther League, Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio.	1.25
E. Saeger, Saegerstown, Pa	5.00
Total.	$35.25

Second. For the REVIEW, the most important adjunct of the Luther League cause, an effort had been made to secure subscriptions for 80 $10 bonds, to give the editors and managers the necessary means to increase the usefulness and the circulation of the paper. While the REVIEW was on a paying basis, it needed ready working capital. They were encouraged to make this effort on the generous offer of J. Martin Rummel, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pa., who had agreed to take 20 bonds provided the other 60 were disposed of. Only 18 had thus far been subscribed for, but the committee hoped this convention would dispose of the remaining 42.

Third. The growth of the League demands the services of a general secretary to devote all or nearly all of his time to the work. The committee recommended that the election of a secretary be deferred by the convention, and that the Executive Committee be given power to elect this officer when they have found the proper person and secured the necessary means for his support.

Rev. R. E. McDaniel, for the World's League Committee, reported that so far little had been done, but that the World's Luther League idea was before the Leaguers of America, and could not be lost sight of.

Upon motion the chairman appointed the following Committee on Resolutions, to whom were referred all reports:

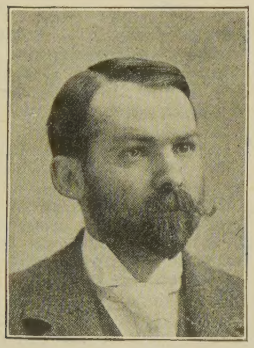
Rev. J. C. Hoffman, Chester, Pa., chairman; Mr. P. O. Getter, Miamisburg, Ohio; Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer, New York; Rev. G. F. Bergner, Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Vesta E. Severinghaus, Chicago, Ill.

The roll of States was then called, and responded to as follows: For New York State, C. G. Grauer of Buffalo; for Pennsylvania, W. C. Stoever; for Kansas, Rev. L. S. Keyser; for New Jersey, Rev. F. C. Krapf; for Illinois, Prof. C. O. Solberg; for Ohio, Rev.

A. E. Renn; for Indiana-Kentucky, Rev. W. J. Finck; for Iowa, Rev. W. H. Blancke; for Minnesota, Mr. Nels Jenson; for Connecticut, Rev. J. A. Timm.

At this point the roll of States was interrupted to hear the address of **Rev. F. H. Knubel** of New York on "League Work in the Lutheran Church—The Past." He said:

I remember with pleasure the meeting where first was discussed the movement which has resulted in this meeting. My purpose is to examine the causes which have made the history of the Luther League what it is. The young people's movement came to Lutheran circles as a foreigner. It was strange in our midst. Friction could not be avoided until it had become naturalized. Our Church is conservative and the young people's movement was new to it. Our Church alone has been a truly conservative one. Our piety is so peculiar that we are often accused of having none. It is strong in calmness, cheerfulness and faithfulness. It has the peculiar charm of Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet. It excels in kindness and joy. The young people's movement outside of our Church knew nothing of this. The faithful use of the means of grace is the only way to build up the Church. The plans of men are useless without these. Our Church emphasizes the use of Word and sacraments, but this foreign movement emphasized the power of organization. Another difficulty was the language question, and the objection of those who did not believe in denominational societies. It did not seem that this foreign movement could find a strong hold among us. The attainments of the League in spite of the difficulties have been remarkable. We should be grateful to the Lord of the Church for the past. The League has been a chief agency in the work of the Church. It has developed a spirit of Church consciousness, not in a Pharasaical sense, but in the growing recognition of the rich truth for human hearts which Lutheranism specially possesses. We have also contributed to the kindlier feeling now developing among Lutherans. It is a strength when a man realizes that many count the truth he holds as their own and feels they are fighting the battle with him. We have also contributed to the knowledge that while we cannot love America less, we can also love Germany and Scandinavia something more. The fathers, too, have learned that we can love the old language well, but worship in the language of our country better. The wild olive branch grafted on our tree has borne good fruit. The Luther League has been adapting the young people's movement to the Scriptural Lutheran ways—not outer glorification of the Church, but in quiet-



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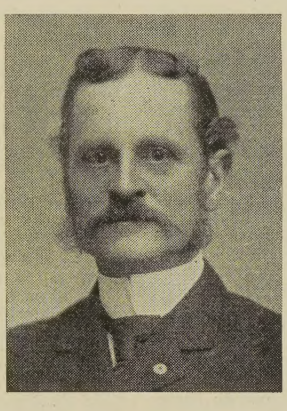

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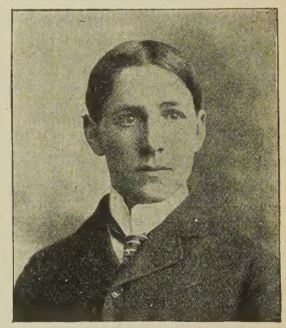

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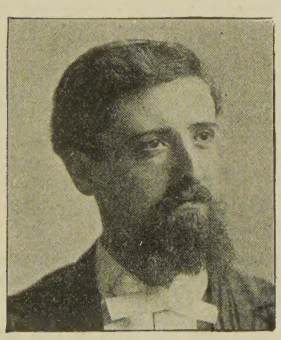

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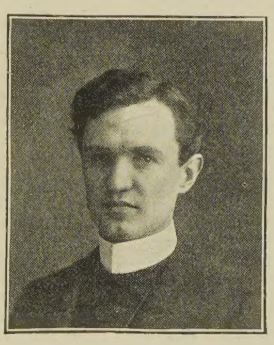

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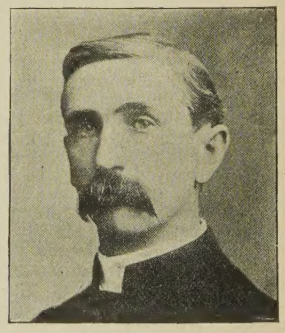

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ness and in confidence is our strength; not the might of a great organization, but the might of the Spirit in Word and sacraments. The record of the past justifies the Lutheran Church in giving her confidence and fostering care to the Luther League.

At the conclusion of this address adjournment was immediately effected by having the benediction pronounced by Rev. A. J. Turkle of Allegheny, Pa.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 23

The third session opened with devotional services by Rev. J. O. Schlenker of Hazelton, Pa., and reading of Scripture by Rev. J. H. Raker of Lebanon, Pa. Miss Laura Strubbe sang a soprano solo, occompanied by Mrs. James Russell, organist of the Walnut Hills Lutheran Church. The address of **Rev. Elmer F. Kraus** of Leechburg, Pa., on "League Work in the Lutheran Church," postponed from the morning, was then delivered. The speaker said:

Our topic associates very closely the Luther League and the Lutheran Church. Many persons try to make us believe that to join these two together is to unite what God has put asunder. What is the object of the League? It is not to impose new duties on young Lutherans. But we strive to have young Lutherans do their duties more methodically. It is a method whereby Lutherans can show their faith by their works. Method is machinery or apparatus. We need this in the Church. The League is one of the sanctified means by which the Church does her work. The League, however, is not an end. The end of the League and of the Church is to preach the gospel as a testimony to all nations. The great aim of the Church is to evangelize the world and the League is carrying this out. Even if we have machinery the end may not come on that account. Machinery is a means, not an end. It never originates power. We are all loyal Luther Leaguers, but do not think that, therefore, we have increased power. Machinery merely converts or transmits power. The League is simply a means to apply power, and so we need more men and women of power, full of the power of the Holy Ghost, which comes only through the means of grace. We need men who believe that God's plans will not fail. We see that machinery wastes power sometimes. A congregation can have more machinery than it can use. Our machinery must be scriptural. We rejoice that we are the Church of pure doctrine. A pure faith demands pure practice and pure methods. We notice that the purity of the methods of the League prove that they rest on the Word of God.

The methods must be Lutheran. We as a Church forget we must not oppose the world with the world's power. The Church's methods are unique, as the Church is unique. The Kingdom of Christ is not based on power, but on love. All operations of the Church must be on the same basis. The Lutheran Church must emphasize our individuality. We should be proud to do so in our methods, as well as in other works. These methods must be practical. We wish to accomplish results and do something. While there is much to do, we need not give up in despair. Amidst all the power of heathendom Paul was able to organize a Christian Church in the wicked city of Corinth. Luther dared to face the power of the Roman Church and to shake it to the foundation. The Gospel of God is to-day the same power to those who believe. God is using this League to carry out His purpose on earth. When we feel like despairing, come back to the source of strength, the means of grace, and thus shall we win the reward and receive the benediction of the Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The audience united in singing the hymn "Come, Ye Disconsolate," and then listened to the first address on the topic "Our Part in Home Missions," by **Rev. L. S. Keyser** of Atchison, Kan. He said in part:

Young Lutherans are destined to play an important role in the evangelization of America. To promote home missions in and for the Lutheran Church they must be loyally Lutheran. Young people, careless in doctrine, who can be almost anything, are not the kind who will establish our Church in unoccupied territories. Positive faith, clear views and stanch convictions are required. We want for our missions young people who are Lutheran by conviction. Those who go to the West should not leave their Lutheranism behind them. As soon as possible they should organize a church of their faith. Why should they build homes for themselves and neglect to erect a Church home? To be successful in mission work we must cultivate a love for the whole Lutheran Church, not only for a part of it. We should be alive to the opportunity presented to us by the great immigration of peoples of every tongue loyal to the Augsburg Confession. Our young Lutherans should be filled with the missionary spirit. Selfishness is not an element of the Christian religion. Let our watchword be "Faith which worketh by love." As long as there are men and women to rescue from sin there is opportunity for Lutheran mission work. Our field is the world. Let us not go about merely gathering in the Lutherans, but let us have a zeal for the unsaved everywhere.

This was followed with another address on the same topic by **Rev. Charles K. Hunton** of Columbus, Ohio:

The Luther League has become a component part of the Church. But unless the League quicken the faith and zeal of her members it becomes an evil and a menace by perverting the time and talents of those engaged in the work. The League intensifies rather than diminishes the sense of personal responsibility. The League has no work to do except that which pertains to the Church. One of the most urgent needs of the Church is aggressive mission work within the bounds and in the immediate vicinity of the local congregation. Distant parts of our own land and foreign fields are sadly in need of cultivation, but forget not to look upon what stretches out from your very doors. Mission work in the highest sense includes both the numerical increase of the membership and the development of the spiritual life of the congregation. Mission work begins in the heart. There will be no real work done until the love of Jesus takes possession of the heart. First of all, then, learn to love your fellow man. You can take no real interest in him until you have a cordial feeling for him. It behooves us to bring to the light those outside the Church. Another sphere of work is that of ministering to the sick, the poor and the afflicted of the Church. There are poverty stricken to whom we can

reach a helping hand. If filled with love the young people can do much to hold up the pastor's hands. There are many other avenues to enter, but how shall we proceed?. While concerted effort is much to be desired, much can be done by individuals who are not unwilling to make sacrifices for the cause of Christ. Set your own heart right. Be faithful in your public and private devotions, and thus be prepared for larger responsibilities of Christian living and service.

At the conclusion of the paper the Deaconess hymn, "Jesus, Master, Son of God," published in the last number with words by Dr. Seiss, and set to music by Rev. G. C. F. Haas, was sung. This was followed by addresses on "Woman's Work in the Church." The subject was opened by **Miss Magdalene King** of Buffalo, N. Y. She said:

Woman has a large place in the Church and a large part of its work is being done by her. The future of the Church and of the nation is with the children and the future of the children is with the women. Woman's work begins with the child in arms. "What is learned in the cradle is carried to the grave." What the nation will be 30 years hence depends chiefly on what the children of the present decade are. Among the agencies in working for children next to the home is the Sunday school. Here experience shows that to women is committed by far the larger share of guiding. Except in the actual ministry of the sanctuary there is hardly a department in which woman cannot take great part in church work. Wherever sorrow, suffering or sickness is found, there runs the golden thread of woman's ministry and sympathy. To give effectiveness and direction to this power of women we learn that careful organization is necessary. On both sides of the Atlantic we have our muster roll of "heroines of faith," and, all unnoted, they are by our side to-day, the nineteenth century saints. "Get the hearts of the women and you will get the heads of the men," but the Church wants the heads and hearts of all. If we have faithfully labored our labor will not be in vain in the Lord. Truly a woman may be a ministering angel in the world when following the steps of Him who "went about doing good." We sow some seed of earnest resolution by old Ohio's waters to-day; we shall reap by the waters of life to-morrow.

This excellent paper was followed by **Sister Jennie**, head Sister of the Deaconess Mother House at Baltimore, Md. In part her paper read thus:

To study the practical work of God's people in the Church is to be convinced that God works with power through a ministry of the Word given to ordained ministers, and a ministry of mercy given to deacons and deaconesses. A review of Inner Missions during the last century confirms our belief that the methods of the diaconate are successful in extending Christ's Kingdom. The first historic trace of deaconesses is found in the time of the Emperor Trajan. In the early Church deaconesses served as doorkeepers, and at the altar in the care of vessels and vestments. Their work among the female catechumens was similar to the present Zenana work in missions. After the fourth century the office declined and the life of the convent took its place. Theodore Fliedner restored to the modern Church the office of the female diaconate. On October 13, 1836, he opened the first Protestant Motherhouse of Deaconesses. The commission to the deaconess comes first from her Master and then from the Church. The field opened to her is as wide as the world. The preparatory training is received in the motherhouse. As comprehended by the Lutheran Church the deaconess work is unique. She works in the parish, in the school, among the poor and the sick. While her life is one of prayer and meditation, it is also practical. She sees her Lord in those whom she serves, and by serving seeks to win them for Christ. The Church is ready for the deaconess without a question. She needs but the consecrated women to put the power of Christ's method of work before the world—viz., of Word and work. Such service will teach the world His great law of kindness, which He taught as He went about doing good.

At the conclusion of her address many questions were asked of the Sister, which elicited much practical information.

Business was then taken up, and upon motion a special committee was appointed on proposed schedule of Luther League Topics for 1901 and 1902. The committee appointed was Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., Rev. L. S. Keyser and Prof. C. O. Solberg.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of seven on nominations be appointed.

The president appointed the following: Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Rochester, Pa., chairman; Leo Erles, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. F. C. Krapf, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rev. H. A. Ott, Quincy, Ill.; W. L. Guard, Rockport, Ind., and N. Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn.

After prayer and benediction by Rev. C. Huber, D.D., of Richmond, Ind., the session adjourned.

Wednesday Evening, May 23

Four meetings were held simultaneously on Wednesday evening at different churches. The same programme was carried out at all of them. The rain which fell did not prevent large audiences from being present.

At all these meetings there were three addresses delivered, once each on the topics "Methods," "Means" and "Men."

At the Walnut Hills Church, Rev. J. S. Simon, pastor, the speakers were Rev. W. H. Blancke, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. W. J. Finck, Anderson, Ind., and Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., of Chicago. In the absence of Geo. D. Boschen the president of the New York State League, the pastor of the church presided.

At St. Paul's Church, Rev. E. R. Wagner, Ph.D., pastor, Prof. C. O. Solberg, the president of the Illinois State League, presided. The speakers were Herman C. Glander, West Alexandria, Ohio; Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Barren Hill, Pa., and Rev. E. G. Howard, Louisville, Ky.

At St. Mark's Church, Newport, Ky., Rev. F. C. Longaker, pastor, Rev. A. E. Renn, the

president of the Ohio State League, presided. The speakers being Rev. C. F. Steck, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. A. F. Siebert, Germantown, O., and Rev. C. W. Heisler, Selinsgrove, Pa.

The meeting in the First Church was presided over by Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., the president of the Pennsylvania State League, and the speakers were Rev. G. M. Grau, D.D., Lucas, Ohio; Rev. E. F. Bartholomew, D.D., Rock Island, Ill., and Mr. G. A. Baldwin, Rochester, Pa.

Space will not permit our giving any of these addresses in this number, but we hope to give excerpts in the next issue.

The collections in the various churches were as follows: First Church, $4.54; St. Mark's, $5.98; St. Paul's, $4.45; Walnut Hill, $10.31. The offering at the First Church on Tuesday evening was $19.40. These amounts are for the National League treasury.

Thursday Morning, May 24

This was Ascension Day, and it was most appropriate that the League should take note of this festival day. At the beginning of this session a service was held for this purpose, conducted by Rev. C. F. Steck of Springfield, Ohio, and Rev. F. P. Bossart of Lima, Ohio. After the meeting had been called to order the president introduced Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., of Louisville Ky., the visitor from the General Synod. He extended the greeting of that body, and said that the Church looked for the League to accomplish much good for the Lutheran Church. The business of the League was then taken up. It was decided that the selection of a general secretary, who shall be a paid officer, and devote all his time to the work, should be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to fill the place when the proper man is found. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. N. R. Melhorn, Geo. C. Loss and O. D. Baltzley, to confer with the Executive and Finance committees to ascertain the amount needed for this work, and to report at the afternoon session.

The election of officers was the next order. The Nominating Committee presented the name of E. F. Eilert for president, but Mr. Eilert, who has been president of the League since its organization, five years ago, found it necessary to decline a renomination. He has given his time and means to the cause, and the prominence of the League to-day is to a great extent due to his personal supervision and untiring energy. The committee thereupon substituted the name of William C. Stoever of Philadelphia. A number of delegates, however, including Mr. Stoever, urged the president to reconsider, and many complimentary things were said about him; but Mr. Eilert refused to accept, and the following were then unanimously elected:

Pres., Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., Phila., Pa.
Treas., Adolph C. Close, Cleveland, Ohio.
Ass't gen. sec., C. G. Grauer, Buffalo, N. Y.
Stat. sec., Rev. C. K. Hunton, Columbus, O.
Lit. sec., Rev. C. L. Fry, Lancaster, Pa.
Ass't lit. sec., Rev. G. H. Schnur, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The presidents of the various State Leagues are *ex-officio* vice-presidents.

The Executive Committee consists of E. F. Eilert, New York; Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Cincinnati; M. C. Olson, Chicago; Cornelius Eckhardt, Washington; F. A. Hartranft, Philadelphia; L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va., Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, Brooklyn; Charles Steele, Sunbury, Pa.; Rev. Luther Kuhns, Omaha, and John F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y.

A committee was upon motion appointed to report upon Junior League work at the afternoon session. The committee consisted of Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. F. C. Krapf, Rev. L. S. Keyser, Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Miss Anna Bell and Miss Emma C. Linn.

The committee to whom was referred the plan of Luther League Topics for 1901-1902 then reported favorably on the scheme of lessons as outlined by the editor. This was adopted.

The address at this session was delivered by **Mr. I. S. Runyon** of New York. He said:

Before the Reformation ignorance of the Bible was a help rather than a hindrance to faithful church membership. In the present time Papal control has given place to enlightened individual conscience. In every life reason should work in harmony with faith. At present, however, reason seems to be triumphant and all thought must be submitted to mental analysis. Religion becomes a special object of attack, since it is a matter of faith. Dangers arise not only from skepticism, but from creed revision, an undue emphasis on law as over against love, and the substitution of some scientific or social scheme for religion. The Lutheran Church stands on middle ground between skepticism and childish credulity. The value of the reading course is at once recognized. The difficulty is to have the books circulated. They should be read systematically, somewhat after the manner of the Chautauqua Circle. The course should constitute the chief literary work of the League. While no method can be absolute, our supreme concern should be to see that the work is done by some method. In Christ's parable of the sower his sharp distinction between those who, by reason of the unfitness of their hearts, lost the seed of the Word and with it their part in eternal life, and those who retained the Word lived and bore fruit, was made by one word, "understand." Knowledge seems to have been essential then; it cannot be less important to-day.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns of Omaha, Neb.

REV. F. H. KNUBEL,
Ch. of the Atonement, New York.

REV. ELMER F. KRAUSS,
Prof. Theol. Seminary, Chicago.

SISTER JENNIE,
Head Sister Deaconess Mother house, Baltimore.

REV. S. B. BARNITZ, D.D.,
Western Sec. Home Missions.

MISS MAGDALENE KING,
Ch. of the Redeemer, Buffalo.

REV. F. A. KAEHLER, D.D.,
Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo.

REV. A. POHLMANN M.D.,
Missionary, Liberia, Africa.

MR. I. S. RUNYON,
St. James Church, New York.

REV. I. B. WOLF, D.D.,
Missionary, Guntur, India.

REV. J. C. KUNZMAN,
Supt. Missions of Gen'l Council.

SOME OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEAKERS.

Thursday Afternoon, May 24

The sixth session was called to order by the newly elected president, Wm. C. Stoever. Revs. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Miamisburg, Ohio, and T. S. Schindel of Circleville, led the devotional exercises. Miss Lulu Albert sang with pleasing effect the solo "Great is Jehovah the Lord." The address of **Rev. Chas. L. Fry** of Lancaster, Pa., which was carried over from the morning, was then delivered.

He opened with a discussion of "Prayer Cycles" as a guide and stimulus to united supplication. One of the two phases of the subpect assigned was "Topics," and this address turned the theme to mean "topics for prayer, day by day," leaving the "topics for scripture study, week by week," for consideration afterward. If it lies within the province of the League to suggest topics for our associate study of the Divine Word, as has never been questioned, it certainly lies within its province to suggest topics for our conjoint prayer. No one cause explains why we have not been able to accomplish greater results in the Kingdom of God as does the fact that we have not laid stronger hold on His own omnipotence, proffered to us in our Lord's sure promise: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you."

How many of us ever pray specially for our Lutheran work in Madagascar, for the Hermannsburg Society, for the Deaconess' Motherhouses? How many of us know enough about the orphans' homes of our Church throughout the world to be able to pray for them intelligently, and lay their wants in supplication before the Most High? How many of us ever plead in behalf of the officers of our National or State Luther League, our individual Leagues, our general missionary superintendents, or our college and seminary presidents, that they may be endowed with strength and wisdom and grace to discharge their difficult and arduous work? How many pray for our Sunday schools or any of the societies in the congregation, or even for its pastor?

How many of us are sufficiently acquainted with home mission operations in this country as to be able to take a map of the United States and put down as many dots in every State of the Union as there are towns where Lutheran mission work is now being carried on by one of the squads in America? How many could outline the Lutheran foreign mission stations throughout the world? How can we pray aright, "Thy Kingdom come," with as limited a comprehension of the field, at home and abroad?

The remainder of the session was devoted to the question of Church Expansion. **Rev. L. B. Wolf** of Guntur, India, discussed the topic from the standpoint of the foreign missionary. He said in part:

To speak at length on the subject of expansion is impossible. Expansion is a big idea, and expansion in foreign mission work means carrying the Gospel to all the nations of the earth. To carry the message of the cross is the supreme work of the Church. What has been done remains history for us to read. The Lutheran Church has always been in the forefront of the work. In expansion we must remember that the work may go on too fast. When this is true no man can be influenced or catch hold of the Gospel. We must first tear down much before we can build up. In South India we have nine Lutheran missionary societies working. The intensive work is perhaps more important than the extensive. In this the Lutheran Church is up to the standard, and has frequently been commended by high officials in India. The educational work has been our chief policy. The education has not only been secular. Next in importance is the industrial line of work. The woman's work is the right hand of all real mission work in India. Lutherans are working unitedly, regardless of synodical connection, that they may take the land for Christ. Lutherans in India are third in missionary force, second in constituency and well to the front in school work. There may be danger in expansion if the work is superficial. Every person must be reached, enlightened and sanctified. In that land it is a serious task. The educational idea is the strongest force. We are making for ourselves a place second to none in India.

The speaker had hardly concluded before it was decided to take an offering for the famine stricken in India. This impromptu offering amounted to $45.44, which will be equally divided between the fields of the General Council and the General Synod. The next speaker viewed the question as a home mission worker. He was **Rev. J. C. Kunzman** of Pittsburgh, who said:

The Church of God, founded by Christ Himself, to which has been given the keys of heaven, enlarge her, extend her blessed sway! How it should enlist our sympathy! On this side it is a glorious Church; over there it is without spot or blemish. With her advent came a new idea to the children of men. How has it taught us the blessedness of childhood! How has it ennobled toil and freed the toiler from the shackles of slavery! How has it affected all our Government and family and society! We speak of expanding our commerce and carrying our flag to the furthermost seas, but we must remember that though our flag may make the burdens of taxation lighter, it cannot give that peace which passeth all understanding. In distinction to all this the expansion of the Church at home is all important. There is no land like ours as a strategic point where to plant the Gospel for the evangelizing of the world. We have the land which is the glory of all lands, containing an aggressive race of people. What is our relation to this American Government? Our Church, through its reformer Luther, has done more for it than any other man. We present it with the purest doctrine to be attained. We, as a nation, have now come to the stage of expansion, and to this stage has our Church also come. We have laid our foundations deep and strong, and we have something on which to expand. The Church is ready for the work, and there is no time like the present, when expansion is in the air. We must see to it that this is a Christian land. Our Church alone has placed in right relations the divine and human elements in church work. Our Church must be expanded in the language of this country. The cities must be taken care of. What can be done is shown by the growth of our Church in Greater New York, where the work of former Mayor Schieren shows what influence one man can exert.

The Credentials Committee then reported, the chairman, Rev. C. K. Hunton, stating that 13 States, 20 districts and 90 local societies and Leagues were represented at the convention. The report was accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through the chairman, Rev. I. C. Hoffman, as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to secure the services of a proper person who can give all, or a greater part, of his time and attention to the duties of this office, and upon securing such a person, and the making of satisfactory provision for the payment of a reasonable salary, that it then be authorized to elect such person to fill the office of General Secretary.

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure and gratitude of the contemplated publication of the Prayer Cycle, and hereby express our approval and offer our practical support.

Resolved, That we indorse the management of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and recommend this publication to our young people's societies, and approve the issuance of 80 $10 interest bearing bonds.

Resolved, That in view of the passive interest shown in the reading course, books for subsequent reading be selected with especial reference to the needs of our young people's societies.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Henry Louis Baugher, D.D., the Luther League of America has lost an able and ardent advocate. In Dr. Baugher we recognized peculiar genius for an ennobling and inspiring influence over young Lutherans. While we humbly bow before the all merciful providence of God in the loss sustained, we here record our deep felt sorrow and bereavement.

Resolved, That this convention express by a rising vote its appreciation of the courtesy extended to delegates and visitors during their stay in Cincinnati; to pastor and council of the First Lutheran Church; to the musicians who have contributed to our pleasure; to the local committee which so successfully solved many difficult problems; to the railroads and to the press, which gave wide publication to our deliberations, we cordially extend our gratitude.

Resolved, That we hereby record our appreciation of the masterful manner in which our retiring President has led the Luther League of America during the initial years of its existence; that we regret the force of circumstances which, on personal grounds, have necessitated his withdrawal as its official head, and that only the assurance of his continued service on the Executive Board and as editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, together with our equal confidence in his successor, whose interest and ability in League work have been fully demonsrated in State and National operations, reconciles us to a change at this important stage of the League's development.

Resolved, That similar expressions of our high regard for the scrupulous fidelity of our Treasurer, Cornelius Eckhardt, who has so conscientiously served the League in this capacity from the date of its organization, are due.

All the resolutions were adopted unanimously, excepting No. 2, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

On the discussion of the resolution referring to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, a movement was started to raise all of the bonds asked for by the Finance Committee. This was done in a remarkably short time by the chairman of the committee, Mr. F. A. Hartranft.

The following is a list of the subscribers to the bonds, issued by authority of the Luther League of America, for the benefit of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, payable in five years from date of issue at 6 per cent. interest:

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Luther League, Miamisburg, Ohio, by P. O. Getter	1
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Bethlehem Luther League, Philadelphia, Pa.	1
Luther League of St. John's Church, Elwood, Ind., by Rev. W. I. Guss	1
Northwestern Central of Pennsylvania, by Rev. G. A. Benze	1
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Van Wert, Ohio.	1
First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, by A. O. J. Kramer	2
Emmanuel Church, Germantown, Ohio, by Rev. A. F. Siebert	1
Upper Lehigh Valley League, by Rev. J. O. Schlenker	1
Grace Luther League, Omaha, Neb., by Rev. Kuhns	1
Miss Nellie C. Pott, Williamsport, Pa.	1
Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y., by Miss King	1
St. Paul's, Richmond, Ind., by Rev. C. Huber.	1
Greensburg Central, Pa., by Rev. Gongaware.	1
Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., by Miss M. Wittmer	1
Albany Central, Albany, N. Y., by Rev. Klingensmith	1
Rev. G. H. Schnur, Chillicothe, Ohio.	1
Miss L. Ella Kaehler, Chicago, Ill.	1
Nels Jenson, St. Paul, Minn.	2
Young People's Association, St. John's Church, Philadelphia	1
Luther League, Rochester, Pa.	1
Total	88

In addition to the above the Luther League

of the Church of the Redeemer of Brooklyn, N. Y., returned, as a donation, one bond of a former issue held by them, thus canceling the debt of the REVIEW to that extent.

A report of the Committee on Junior Luther League was presented at this session, recommending that comments on the Luther League Topics in simplified form be published in addition to the present ones.

The Auditing Committee also reported, saying that the books of the treasurer were found correct, and they desired to express their appreciation of the excellent condition in which they were kept, being a fine exhibition of neatness and completeness. They further reported that they found the amount of outstanding dues to be $349. Report accepted.

The secretary was then instructed to send the minutes of the convention to the Executive Committee for approval.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. C. F. Bergner of Nashville, Tenn., and benediction by Rev. W. S. Dysinger of Camden, Ind.

Thursday Evening, May 24

The closing session of one of the most successful conventions of the League was held in the immense Music Hall. It took the nature of a Grand Rally. Not less than 3,500 Lutherans were in the auditorium, while the chorus, speakers and prominent clergymen and laymen occupied the stage. Those present enjoyed a delightful feast of music by the chorus of 150 voices, under the direction of Mr. Louis Ehrgott, assisted by Mr. Albert D. Shockley, organist. The meeting was presided over by the president, Wm. C. Stoever. The services were opened by the audience reciting from memory the twenty-third Psalm, led by Rev. C. L. Fry. The prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Keller of Akron, Ohio. The first address was by **Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.,** of Buffalo, N. Y., on the topic, "American Methods and Method for Americans." It was delivered with unusual oratorical ability. It part the speaker said:

We of the Lutheran Church claim we are strong in one fact. If we stand on God's Word and be careful not to do otherwise God will help us. If we stand in any other way we are likely to stumble and to fall. In the best sense of the word we have presented to us American methods in the first century of the Church. The great master of methods was the one who wrote a letter to the people of Corinth, in which He said: "Though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all that I might gain the more. And this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you." (I Cor. 9:19-23). Paul was for gain and the Holy Ghost was with him. We wish to emphasize this method. He was eager for gain. We have noticed this about Americans. He adapted himself to all conditions in order to gain. His purpose was clearly defined and all must be made subservient to it. With Paul it was "for the Gospel's sake." The methods of Americans are such of which we cannot always be proud. On other things we love to dwell. It was not an accident that the work of Luther should come into importance when this country had just been discovered. When this land was opened it became the refuge of those who were to lay the traditions of strong government. We are born out of the Reformation in the power that has sounded over Europe and made constitutional government possible to those countries as a reflection from this land. We have had experience and we speak of our independence. Independence is not individualism. Radicalism has often been counted as American. Liberty never forgets the divine law which gives character to nations. The test of American conscience, life and loyalty came in '61, and the nation rose to prove that Americanism did not mean disintegration. The land spoke in strong terms in dealing with radicalism. American character stands for intensity of purpose. We have strong vitality in this land and we are often misled into extremes. We as loyal Americans have a purpose which requires earnestness. This applies to our Church. We have an interest in the land. What is our duty? Our obligation to God's Word, to the whole earth and to our land is placed where we are to wield an influence which is to determine the results of the coming century. We must stand forth positively. Shame if we forget to allow ourselves to be carried away by the empty methods of some so-called Americans! We are called into this world not to conjecture, but to lay hold on the certainties presented by Paul. He went among a progressive people, not to gain by his method money, or reputation, or any such thing, but the souls of men. It was not the Greek culture which was able to gain, but the method of Paul which brought them from their superstitions and made them children of Paul. We can rule the world with all its selfish men by adapting ourselves to our surroundings, and thus bring them under the power of the Gospel. We want the intensity and enterprise of America so that we can run in the service of which Paul spoke when he said, "All this I do for the Gospel's sake." The Lutheran Church has the largest liberty as to methods, liturgical practices and other non-essentials. Christian zeal and American spirit under the direction of the Holy Spirit is the power we need. We shall win if we use Paul's method with American spirit.

The congregtion then sang, as only Lutherans can, the grand old battle hymn of Luther so full of recollections of past victories, "A Mighty Fortress." The next speaker was **Rev. August Pohlman, M.D.,** of Liberia, Africa, who said that he was assigned to speak on the topic, "Means," which meant anything, and he therefore intended to talk about his work in Muhlenberg Mission:

His address was witty and entertaining, and, although a departure from the conventional style, was full of valuable information. He began by apostrophizing Africa, the land of history without record, land where the Saviour lived as a child, land of gold, of wars and the white man's grave! Go in imagination to Monrovia, Liberia, west coast of Africa, and there a mission was started 40 years ago, and ever since services have been held there. In our mis-

sion we do four kinds of work. We deal with the negro, the hardest task, perhaps, with which the Christian has to deal. It is a task that costs lives and many a strife. Even the results cannot be tabulated. There are 225,000,000 of negroes, about 17 men to every square mile in a country three times the size of the United States. In our mission for 25 years we have tried to train the physical side of the man, and now some of them can use some of the tools of the white man and erect for themselves a respectable hut. We are trying to build up their character through their brains by education. Some splendid results have been accomplished by this method. While the hands are trained the heart is not forgotten. The other class of work is being done by the medical mission. We have 200 natives working on the coffee farm, and, as a result of several accidents among them, a large field has been opened for work. We have also a little cemetery in our mission. It has cost life to do this work. It will cost more. We who have been on the field with one hand on the grave hold out the other to invite you to come over to help us and send more laborers. He related also a number of startling experiences illustrating the dangers of the work.

Led by the chorus the immense audience rose to their feet and united in a most vigorous singing of the League Rally Hymn, full of thoughts of victories to be won. The closing address was reserved for **Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D.D.,** of Des Moines, Iowa, whose topic was "Men for the Twentieth Century." It was a decided treat. Among other things he said:

In the young America we have the future hope of this nation and of the world. Men for the twentieth century must be men of true piety. Without this life is a failure and death a leap in the dark. Without true piety our young people become horrid monsters. True piety is not cant nor bigotry, not hollow mockery, but a piety of soul and life. Without this there can be no genuine success in life. Next there must be men of positive convictions. The age needs men who reach conclusions by careful study, and then dare to maintain and defend them. Such men do not act from prejudice, but walk by the truth. They cannot be moved from the right by any taunt or threat. Atheism and rationalism would rob us of the most precious gift of God to man

"The age wants heroes: heroes who shall dare
To struggle in the solid ranks of truth;
To clutch the monster Error by the throat;
To bear Opinion to a loftier seat;
To blot the error of Oppression out,
And lead a universal Freedom in.
And Heaven wants souls: fresh and capacious souls
To taste its raptures and expand like flowers
Beneath the glory of its central sun."

Thirdly, they must be men of energy and force of character. These are the battle cry of the age in which we live. How many there are of brilliant powers who make the world wonder how they can be so useless. An earnest and working community asks of every young person whether he has a lofty purpose and a heart of power. If you have these consecrated to the service of God and humanity you will rank with the crowned heads of heaven. With such men even better days are coming for our Lutheran Zion. God is bringing forth great blessings. There never was a time in our history when the call to individual consecration was so loud. Adapting what was said by another, I can say of our beloved Zion, I think I discern the fair form of Lutheranism, whose whole beauty has never yet been fully disclosed. That she is divine I know by her girdle of pure doctrine, and her scepter of justice and liberty. Truly our dear Church bears good tidings, publishes peace, proclaims salvation by grace, comforts mourners and makes the wilderness blossom as the rose. Blessed and beautiful are they who have part and lot with her in her great work! Thou are speeding to thy coronation, brave spirit, up, up, till God's glory shall burst upon thy face and God's voice blessing thee from His throne in tones of approval and of welcome shall deliver thy guerdon. I have made thee a little lower than the angels and crowned thee with glory and honor. Amen and amen.

With its last breath this vast gathering of Christians, representing every quarter of our land, sang "America," and the benediction was pronounced by him who had spoken the first words of welcome, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D. Throughout the convention was characterized by the most conservative spirit, and, still better, by a spirit of deep consecration. It was evident from the close attention paid by the large audiences that the delegates were there to be instructed. It seems a proven fact that the time is near at hand when those still outside the movement, either hostile or indifferent, will be hastening to unite their forces to this compact army of earnest and well instructed workers. We are sure that the meetings were a revelation to many and equally sure that God's blessing will rest upon the Fourth National Convention of the Luther League of America, since all was done in His name and for His sake.

Mr. Gladstone's Message to Young Men

Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say that nothing succeeds like success. Effort, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early gained, not seldom serves, like winning the first throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge, all you can. Be thorough in all you do and remember that though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is always despicable. Quit you like men, be strong and exercise your strength. Work onward, and work upward; and may the blessings of the Most High soothe your cares, clear your vision and crown your labors with reward.

There is no better practice than committing to memory each Lord's Day, a chosen hymn.

Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

June 30. Third week after Trinity.

Joshua

(Josh. I: 1-9, XXIII, XXIV: 14-15)

Themes for Papers.—Let the outlines of the topic be used for themes. Add one paper on the historical illustrations.

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *Men reach high place and power by showing fitness for them.* Study the first references of the topic. As Moses' attendant he went with the great leader up to the mount. Indelible impressions of the power and glory of God, which never left him, may have had their beginning here. As commander in the field he knew how to fight bravely against Amalek. As a trusted spy he almost alone believed in God, and was ready to go up to take the goodly land. In his long companionship with Moses he had learned to understand God's plan, and to catch the spirit of the great Law-giver. These are among the reasons why God chose him to be the successor of Moses. Let us try to obtain promotion, success, usefulness, by fitting ourselves for them, and by deserving them. Here we may find a lesson not only for use in the Church and in the spiritual sphere, but in every day life, and in the business world.

2. *The presence of the Divine Captain is the source of victory.*—Joshua's faith and courage were enormously strengthened and increased by the interview with the unseen Leader. (Ch. v, 13-15). To know that God was with him, was guiding and commanding made him valiant and fearless as to the result. It must be an inspiration to any man to realize that he is not alone, that all does not depend on his wisdom or power, that he has only to be faithful and that direction and strength will be supplied. And we have as much right to this conviction as ever Joshua had. "It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Let us be like Joshua, willing to have God work in and through us, glad to let God give the orders, faithful to follow His commands. Herein is peace and joy and victory!

3. *The most important thing in life is the right choice.* See ch. 24, 15. God has led you far enough already for you to have abundant reason to choose Him and His way as your life choice. Let your choice be as Joshua's was, deliberate, independent, not waiting to follow others, but willing to be alone, if need be, in this choice. Then you, too, will be influential. Others will follow you, and the consequences of your choice will be far-reaching, beyond your highest expectations. "As for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord."

July 7. Fourth week after Trinity.

Gideon

(Judges VI: 11-14, 2-3, VII: 1-23)

Themes for Papers.—"The Times and the Man."—"How God Gave the Victory."—"Gideon's Band in the Church To-day."—"Some Elements in Gideon's Character."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *God does not care for great things.* Gideon was of a poor family, and neither he nor others counted him of much avail. You need not be very great nor very talented to be of use in His kingdom. God does not care for numbers. "The people that are with Thee are too many." Men do not talk that way; they say, the more the better. God does not care for armament. Empty pitchers, lamps, trumpets, are a strange sort of artillery. We, to-day, would want Krupp guns and Maxims. But what God wants and bids us use is sufficient. He is not on the side of the heaviest artillery if His enemies have the artillery. Trumpets, lamps, pitchers, 300 instead of 32,000—these are enough, if God be with them.

2. *God does care for faithful hearts.* Quantity makes no difference, but He has regard to quality. Gideon was of a poor family, but he was rich in faith and devotion to God. Luther was a weak monk, but he loved God and the Gospel of His Son more than all else. Three hundred is nothing compared with the host of Midian, but the 300 are alert, fearless, obedient, willing to go anywhere, armed or unarmed in any fashion, if God says so. And with the men of His own choice, in the way of His own choice, God makes the host of Midian melt away in terror and defeat.

3. *The victory is always God's.*—Neither the quantity nor the quality of the men had to do with the actual overthrow of the enemy. That was of God, solely and fully. God made His people strong with their strange equipment. God made the Midianites weak, with all their multitude and armor. And God wanted this to be distinctly recognized. That was why the people were too many. That was why He gave them neither sword nor spear. He will not have men vaunt themselves saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Men do not understand that God is the only actor, and that we are but agents. God cares for faithful hearts, not because

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faith is a power, but because it is the only means of receiving His power. We are powerful in so far as we are receptive of the power of God. We vaunt ourselves, and forget that it was God ! Is this the reason we accomplish so little ? Is the smallness of our success because it *is* our success, and not God's work at all ? Which shall we choose, trumpets, pitchers and *God*, or hosts, equipments, earthly strength without God ?

July 14. Fifth week after Trinity

Iephthah

(Judg. XI: 29-40)

Themes for Papers.—" The Story of Jephthah."—" The Scripture Teaching Concerning Vows."—" Our Confirmation Vow."—" Practical Thoughts."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *Let us follow conscience.* What is praiseworthy in Jephthah may be stated in two words—(1), His achievements in so far as they were useful to God in His kingdom sprung from the motive power of faith, and (2) he was conscientious in carrying out his vow at whatever cost to himself. He did what he believed to be his duty in making the vow, and he did not fail to keep his word, though it was at a sacrifice worse than death itself to him. Such fidelity to conscience we cannot but admire. The man whom we despise is he who has no doubt as to duty, but who fears or fails to do it. No man can be right in disobeying the imperial command of conscience.

2. *Let us enlighten our consciences.* If conscience is to be absolutely supreme, all the more important is that conscience give the right command. The most pathetic sight on earth is to see a man following his sense of duty, yet doing wrong. Jephthah conceiving of God as likely to be propitiated by such a vow as he made, and paying his vow to the last requirements is a sincere and strong character, but a terribly misguided man. So is Saul, persecuting the followers of Jesus. So is Luther, scourging his back and fasting to obtain righteousness. Conscience must be obeyed, but conscience must also be a safe guide. You are responsible for your conscience. You must follow an *enlightened* conscience.

3. *Let us be thankful for the light.* We cannot judge Jephthah by our standards. Driven out from the blessings of such light, as his people had, consorting with rough, wild men in his youth, devoid of the knowledge of the truth, it seems strange even that he had the faith in God, and the unswerving principle that he shows. But for us there is no excuse. The glory of God has shined upon us in the face of Jesus Christ. What we need to-day is Jephthah's loyalty bound to our knowledge, Jephthah's conscientiousness allied to our consciences. Add this man's faithfulness to your confirmation vows and you will be a true hero of faith, and conqueror in the battles of God !

July 21. Sixth week after Trinity.

Samson

(Judg. XIII: 11-23, XVI: 21-31)

Themes for Papers.—" The Life and Times of Samson."—" Some Good Features of His Life."—" Samson's Strength."—" Samson's Weakness."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *All true strength comes from God.* Certainly Samson's physical strength was dependent on his connection with God. He was not a giant. He was a man endowed with extraordinary bodily gifts, equipped not only in his frame, but especially by repeated bestowments of the Holy Spirit. So long as he kept faith with God he was strong to do all that God called him to do. So soon as he severed himself from God he was as any other man. It is always so. Your strength for the higher, nobler tasks to which you are called depends upon your connection with the great original source of power. The lesson of Pentecost is that men are endued with power from on high by the Holy Spirit. He is the spring of strength, and every one of us needs that strength for which the Apostle prays in our behalf. Eph. 16. Have you taken hold of this truth ? Do you possess this power ?

2. *The Strength of God is available.* The conditions attached to Samson's possession of strength were simple, and seem to us strange, but they were the outward signs appropriate and familiar at that time of a consecration to the service of God. (Num. vi, 1-21). His separation and endowments were intended to impress all who saw him with the thought that by returning to God the nation also might be renewed in strength by divine favor. The conditions of the Holy Spirit's strength for us are not the same. We may have the power of God, however, on simple terms. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are united with God. Continue in the path of God's will, and you are increasingly endued with the strength from on high. (Acts v. 32). Indeed, we are commanded in Eph. v. 18 to be filled with the Spirit. The electric car has power as long as it remains on the track, and touches with its long finger the source of power above it. So with the Christian. With the hand of faith he touches God, and as he moves on the path of God's will he cannot lose the divine energy. Let us

meet the conditions and never come to the wretched lot of the blinded, enslaved toiler at the mills of the Philistines.

July 28. Seventh week after Trinity.

Eli

(1 Samuel II: 27-36)

Themes for Papers.—"The Sin of Eli."—"The Consequences of Eli's Sin."—"Practical Thoughts."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. *Weakness may be sin.* It was so in this case. We look upon a gentle, mild disposition as amiable, but if amiability interferes with duty it is criminal. A parent, a judge, a jury, a Governor that is so afraid of giving offense as to neglect reproof and punishment and restraint, is a public or private nuisance. It was hard for Washington to command the execution of Andre, but it was necessary. It is hard for a loving parent to punish the child, but the neglect is not truly love, but weakness. Restraint and punishment are the expression of love to the child as much as of justice and duty. And when the welfare of others depends upon our firmness and force weakness is doubly sin.

2. *We ought to thank God for a pure ministry.* What an abomination were these lustful, vile priests. A base man is a shameful and hurtful thing anywhere, but nowhere more than in the place of a spiritual leader. For him who ought to help the people to higher things to be their guide in depravity is distressful beyond description. Such a curse was common in the days before the great Reformation, and is common to-day in lands where the Roman Church is supreme. Awful, indeed, are the stories which such well accredited books as those of Father Chiniquy tell us of present conditions in that sullied communion. But we know nothing of such things. Few, indeed, are those congregations in which the people are not able to look with entire trust and high regard upon their pastor. And should we not thank God for the higher life and light that is responsible for our fortunate exemption from the curse of an unholy ministry? And should we not pray for those whom God has given us as our teachers in the truth, that not only in the attainment of outward blamelessness, but in the realization of all noblest ideals, they may walk worthy of their high calling?

Why Not an Infidel

In speaking of the failure of men whose sole business seems to be to attack and destroy the faith of humanity in the truth and power of the Gospel, Bishop Whipple years ago said: "I once met a thoughtful scholar who told me that for years he had read every book which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ. He said that he should have become an infidel if it had not been for three things:

"'First, I am a man. I am going somewhere. I am to-night a day nearer the grave than last night. I have read all that they can tell me. There is not one solitary ray of light upon the darkness. They shall not take away the only guide and leave me stone blind.

"'Secondly, I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an arm as calmly as a child goes to sleep upon the breast of a mother. I know that was not a dream.

"'Thirdly,' he said with tears in his eyes, 'I have three motherless daughters. They have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world, if you could blot out from it all the teachings of the Gospel.'"

A Gift to God

Not long ago the treasurer of one of the missionary societies received a letter which read something like this:

"You will find $15 in this letter. It is sent as a gift from a boy who died last June. Gilbert, from whom this money came, was 14 years old, and a boy beloved by all. His father allowed him a little land on which to raise some thing for himself. Gilbert decided that the money which he would make should be given to Foreign Missions. He died before the harvest was reaped, but this money was made out of his crop and is now sent as he desired."

What a noble example that young boy left. He did what he could to spread the glad news of the Gospel, and it may be that in heaven he will meet some redeemed heathen soul who first learned of Jesus the Saviour through the money which he gave.

Let us all seek to do what we can, and it may be that even when we have passed away the work that we have done for Jesus will still go on, winning precious souls into His kingdom.—*Selected.*

Bible and Government

The bishop of New York once asked Daniel Webster, the great authority on the Constitution of the United States: "Tell me, Mr. Webster, the books I ought to read to learn the authority of government." Mr. Webster took down the Bible, opened it, read these words: "There is one Lawgiver and Judge," and said: "Bishop Wainwright, there is more in that sentence of the authority of government than in all the books that men have ever written."

Luther League of Ohio

Fifth Convention, held at Miamisburg, May 21, 22, 1900

THE fifth annual convention of the Ohio State Luther League, which was held at Miamisburg, Ohio, on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, was beyond a doubt the largest, most interesting and most helpful of any yet held. The pastor, Dr. F. W. E. Peschau, and his congregation, gave a most hearty reception and generous welcome to all the delegates and visitors, entertainment being provided for all.

Some 75 Leagues were represented by almost 200 delegates and visitors.

On Monday afternoon, the opening exercises, with greetings from all the Leagues, were followed by an address by Rev. C. E. Gardner of Osborn, Ohio, on "The History and Objects of the Luther League." At this session Wm. C. Stoever of Philadelphia, Pa., was received as the official representative of the National League. In the evening, in a most happy address, Dr. Peschau spoke words of welcome, and was responded to by the president, Rev. A. E. Renn of Urbana. The audience, filling the large Church to overflowing, then listened to the address on "Plymouth Rocks and Other Rocks," by Rev. Prof. T. B. Roth, D.D., president of Thiel College.

Tuesday morning addresses on the topics, "Personal Work for the Church," by Mr. L. C. Smith of Urbana; "Marshalling of Forces," by Rev. J. C. Schindel of Circleville, and "Biblical Benevolence," by Rev. S. E. Greenawalt of Findlay elicited close attention, and will doubtless bear fruit in many hearts and lives.

The session of Tuesday afternoon gave a rich feast in "Lutheran Literature," by Mr. H. C. Glander of West Alexandria. This was a *résumé* of the chief Lutheran books from Luther's time to the present day, and was remarkable not only for the clear perception on the part of the writer of the value of the books and of the evidence he gave of familiarity with them, but that this should have come from a layman. "Reflex Influence of Mission Work" was presented by Rev. B. F. Hœfer of Toledo; and Miss Anna Bell of Mansfield read an interesting paper on "Junior Work." This paper resulted in a petition to the National League to provide more fully for the needs of the Junior League.

The officers elected were Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D. D., pres.; Miss Margaret Puck, Toledo, rec. sec.; Rev. C. F. Steck, Springfield, cor. sec., and Charles Matthes, Mansfield, treas.

In the evening, Rev. Dr. Barnitz of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered an address on "The Luther League and the Lutheran Church's Mission in America."

ST. JACOB'S CHURCH, MIAMISBURG, OHIO.

Ten delegates were elected to the National Convention.

The Miamisburg convention was beyond a doubt the most inspiring and helpful of all the meetings of the Ohio League, and evidenced her loyalty to God's Word and the doctrines of the Church in no uncertain sound.

Luther League of Minnesota

Second Convention, held at Red Wing, April 24, 25, 1900

THE second annual convention of the Luther League of Minnesota was held April 24 and 25, at St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn.

Delegates representing the societies of 11 churches were present, together with many visitors from the schools and churches in the city. Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor *loci*, welcomed the visitors. Rev. F. E. Jensen responded.

The programme throughout was full of interest, and much enthusiasm was displayed.

The paper, "Luther League Library," prepared by Rev. N. J. Lohre of Minneapolis, brought out very distinctly the needs of such a library; and led to many interesting questions and discussions. Many Leagues had libraries, and those who had not felt the need of one, and will no doubt make an effort to secure one. The Luther League Reading Course was especially recommended as necessary for such a library.

From the impromptu remarks by the delegates one could discover the true spirit of the Luther League, could not but feel inspired as our young Leaguers full of enthusiasm spoke of their love for Christ and the Church, all leagued together for one purpose, though representing four different languages.

"Necessities and Possibilities of State Work" was a very interesting paper by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt of St. Paul, and was fully discussed. Many questions were asked in regard to this work; for instance, "How can we get our pastors throughout the State to realize the importance of the Luther League to themselves and the congregations?"

"National Conventions, Retrospective, Prospective," by Rev. F. E. Jensen, was listened to with marked attention.

"Dangers of Not Organizing Our Young People," by Prof. E. O. Ringstad, Red Wing, and "Benefits of Organizing Our Young People," by Miss Jane R. Caines of St. Paul, were both excellent papers.

When the object and work of the Luther League become known there is no doubt but that every Lutheran church in the land will have its Luther League.

The convention closed with a rally at the Swedish Lutheran Church, when Rev. Johnston of St. Paul delivered an address, "Our Young People," in a most able manner.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, pres.; Mrs. R. F. Johnson, Red Wing, rec. sec.; Herbert Anderson, Minneapolis, cor. sec.; Mr. Nels Jensen, Minneapolis, treas.

Delegates to the national convention are Dr. Trabert, Rev. Haupt, Mr. S. M. Sivertson, Rev. M. E. Boulton, Miss A. Oien, Mrs. J. A. Leas, Dr. F. E. Moody, Carl Werner, Rev. C. L. Warstler, Nels Jensen.

Luther League of Wisconsin

Fourth Convention, at Mount Horeb, May 17, 18, 1900

THE fourth convention of the Luther League of Wisconsin was held in Mount Horeb, on May 17 and 18, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church, of which Rev. H. H. Holte is pastor.

The first session, mainly for business, opened on Thursday afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. Reports were given by the officers and the chairman of the Extension Committee, two Leagues were admitted to membership, and greetings read from several Leagues unable to send delegates.

Rev. W. K. Frick of Milwaukee, who so ably filled the position of president since the organization of the State League, declined to be re-elected, and Rev. Th. Eggen of Madison was chosen in his place. A. Engeset of Madison was elected vice.-pres., Miss Georgia Olsen of Stoughton, rec. sec.; Miss Susie Fortney of Soldiers' Grove, gen. sec., and Rev. E. O. Loe of Beloit, treas. Delegates were elected to represent Wisconsin at the National Convention.

The evening session was largely attended and the audience joined with fervor in the singing and responses. Cordial words of welcome were spoken by the pastor loci, and responded to by the president of the League. Rev. G. K. Stark of Kenosha gave a fine address on "The Young Workers in the Church," and Rev. Th. Eggen of Madison, whose subject was "Suttungs Mead; or, the Cup of Wisdom," a title that excited the curiosity of all present, held the undivided attention of the audience as he drew forth some of the hidden truths in the old Norse Mythology, and applied them to present day conditions. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of a high character and much appreciated. On Friday morning at 9 o'clock the convention assembled to listen to four papers on "Confirmation," prepared and read as follows: "Confirmation and Holy Baptism," by Mrs. Carolyn Blackwell, Church of the Holy Communion, Racine; "Confirmation and the Word of God," by Miss Belle Wange, Bethlehem Church, Beloit; "Confirmation and the Lord's Supper," by Mr. A. C. Peterson, Church of Our Saviour, Ellsworth; "Confirmation and Christian Activity," by Mr. Orley C. Kruger, Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee. These papers were most excellent, comprehensive and scholarly written, justifying the desire generally expressed that they be printed and distributed among the local Leagues. The discussion that followed helped to strengthen the conviction that confirmation, though not

a sacrament, is of great value and a blessing to each one who does not neglect the daily renewal of their baptismal covenant. The last session was held Friday afternoon, and after some unfinished business had been disposed of Miss Susie Fortney read a thoughtful and well prepared paper on "The Junior Luther League." Rev. W. K. Frick delivered the closing address: "On the Threshold of the Twentieth Century," full of soul stirring thought and grand outlook, bringing the audience face to face with the responsibility resting upon the Church and the Luther League as a factor in the Church, present and future.

Large delegations from neighboring Leagues, besides the accredited delegates, helped to make this convention the best in the history of the Wisconsin Luther League.

Book Reviews

A History of the Jewish People during the Maccabean and Roman Periods (Including New Testament Times). *By J. S. Riggs D.D* With maps and charts. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Pp. 320. $1.25 net.

This is the third volume on the historical series for Bible students, the history of the Old Testament periods having been covered in two previous volumes by other authors. Each book is, however, complete in itself. It is written, as were they, in non-technical, yet scholarly style. There is possibly no portion of desirable historical knowledge for Bible students in which so much ignorance exists among those students as just this portion covered here—*i. e.*, the period between the two Testaments. Yet a true grasp of the conditions in which Jesus lived His life, a vivid conception of the opposition He met—these make such study a requisite. The author has succeeded in presenting clearly and interestingly those trends of event and thought which rendered Jesus' position so dramatic and tragic. Had we space we would gladly quote his words which mark the climax, as on pages 230 and 231. Although many of the volumes in this series will be dominated by negative critical thought, it is evident that this one can be affected but very slightly thereby.

To Cure Low Spirits

Take one ounce of the seeds of resolution, properly mixed with the oil of good conscience; infuse into it a large spoonful of the balsam of patience. Distil carefully a composing plant called "others' woes," which you will find in every part of the garden of life, growing under the broad leaves of disguise. Gather a handful of the blossoms of hope, sweeten them properly with a syrup made of the balm of Providence; and, if you can get any of the seeds of true friendship, you will then have the most valuable medicine that can be administered. But you must be careful to get the seeds of true friendship, as there is a weed which much resembles it, called self-interest, which will spoil the whole composition. These ingredients, well mixed and faithfully taken, soon complete the cure.—*Lutheran Observer.*

John Westoff, Lutheran

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns this month with National and State League reports, we have been obliged to omit the usual chapter of this story. It will appear as usual next month. EDITOR.

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Editorial

What a standard of comparison for the future will the convention of 1900 ever remain, both in its spirit and in its utterances? The foretaste was sweet, but the aftertaste is still sweeter. Whilst it is safe to say that in the twentieth century there will never be a national convention of the Luther League of America which will not exceed it in the number of delegates, it is as safe to say, on the other hand, that there will never be a national convention which will exceed it in the fineness of its temper and the height of its tone. And this, after all, is far more to be desired than the accepted standard of success in the present age—a crowd.

Not only as being thoroughly harmonious but for solid, substantial, effective work, the convention takes high rank. Not the least inclination was there to any cheap, noisy demonstrations for pyrotechnic effect. The intensest soberness and seriousness of purpose dominated every speaker. Notwithstanding all the sightseeing temptations of the Queen City, the delegates were in their places continuously. They went not for a holiday excursion, but for earnest, personal work in behalf of the dear old Mother Church, which they devotedly love, and this earnest fervor could be seen in their faces and heard in their voices and felt in their voting.

With a missionary from India, one from Africa and two secretaries of home missions as speakers, presenting the causes which they represented, impressing upon their hearers the great needs of missionary enterprise, many were set to thinking about their duty in this line of the Church's work. At one of the hotels a few of the delegates were gathered after the Thursday evening service, and among them the African missionary. When he bade them good night, one young lady of the party extended her hand, thanked him for what he had said and added, "I desire to make a contribution to your work in Africa," and gave him a bank note—one of the results of the convention. The interest of the audience at the close of the address by the missionary from India was shown in an offering for the famine stricken people of that country. No prior announcement had been made of this, but the attention of the delegates, many of whom had undoubtedly previously contributed, was called to the suffering, the plates were passed and $45.44 was contributed, which will be divided among the two Lutheran stations in India.

The kindly feeling of the delegates, one toward another, manifested in their greetings, and in the speeches upon the floor of the convention were the subject of remark by one who attended the first convention and compared it with the fourth in Cincinnati. No disagreements or differences; all seemed to have come to this meeting looking for a blessing, desiring to learn the work of the Church, and determined to do more for the Master's cause.

The local committee and the Lutheran peo-

ple of Cincinnati deserve great credit for the excellent management of the convention, both in the arrangements incident to and during the meeting. Under the able leadership of Rev. Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler, pastor of the First Church, every speaker was pleasantly entertained, the delegates were cared for on their arrival and everything went along in perfect order, without any mishap or difficulty and without a complaint to the chairman.

Excellent papers, large audiences at the day as well as the evening sessions, showed an increased interest in the work of the League. The attendance at the prayer service on Wednesday morning and at the Ascension Day service on Thursday morning, and the number of young people, both clergy and laity, promise well for the future of this work.

In the Apostolic Church no small degree of its phenomenal growth is attributed to the social element. It was an enormous power in the early Church. It is still a power. Here is a means for the League to utilize for the Church's welfare. It is not for a lessening of piety and devotion, but it is a fact that elegance breeds refinement. We have a history, a liturgy, a literature, an art and a theology back of us to sustain any claims. There is education, culture, wealth and refinement in our Church to-day, and a time seems to have been reached in our Church's history when more attention should be given to the social element as a power for promoting the advance of the Church.

The decision of the convention to secure the service of a General Secretary for the National League, to devote all or nearly all of his time to the work of the League, was certainly a wise resolve and an evidence of confidence and faith in our cause. It seemed a coincidence that several committees, as well as the general officers, should have urged this in their reports without either having knowledge of the other's intention. There can be no question about the good that will result from having a man in charge of this work. The results will soon be apparent after the man is in the field. It is hoped that a suitable person will soon be found to fill the position, and that the Executive Committee will be able to provide for him without delay.

For the first time in the history of the League, the students in our Lutheran colleges throughout the United States were made the subject of special thought and prayer. What an important factor in our church-life these might be! If nothing else should be accomplished during the two years' interval between now and the next National Convention, except organize Student Leagues in all our institutions of learning, and make each of these institutions a center of influence and fervent zeal in its own State or Synod or Conference, there is not a remotest section of Lutheranism in the whole country that would not feel the quickening impulse.

Change of Management

Owing to increased duties our business manager, Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, was obliged to discontinue his official relation to the REVIEW on June 1. Mr. Eckhardt has been connected with the paper since February 1, 1897, and in the three years and a little over that he has had charge of the paper the business has materially increased. It was with reluctance that the Committee on Publication accepted his resignation, and they desire to express their highest appreciation for the valuable and self-sacrificing services rendered. It has been deemed wise to again remove the business office to New York, where it was before Mr. Eckhardt took charge, and all orders addressed to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York, will receive prompt and careful attention.

The committee desire further to announce that the declination of Mr. E. F. Eilert to accept another term as president of the Luther League of America will in no wise affect his office as editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, it being understood that he will retain that position, selecting as his associates those whom he feels can best assist him in this work, and by request of the editor the president remains as chairman of the Publication Committee, thereby insuring to the members of the League the carrying out of the line which has hitherto been followed in the management of the REVIEW, both editorially and financially. The committee desires to impress this upon all the readers of the REVIEW, so there will be no misunderstanding, and to suggest that every encouragement be given to the editor by an increased subscription list. The individual effort of the local Leagues is all that is required to make this work a success.

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A biographical sketch of Mr. Hermann H. Kohlsaat, proprietor of the *Times-Herald*, of Chicago, pictures him as a poor boy on an Illinois farm, and later, when twelve years old, as a "carrier" for the Chicago *Tribune*, working from daybreak until school time.

One wintry morning the slight little fellow reached home very much exhausted after his struggle with a big bundle of papers amid snowdrifts and contrary winds.

"Never mind, Hermann," said his mother encouragingly, "you will not have to carry newspapers all your life."

"No, mother," replied the slip of a boy, "I intend to own a big newspaper of my own some day."

A few years after young Kohlsaat became a cash boy, earning $2 a week. "Then," he said, "I sat down and thought it all out. I perceived that it did not matter how much one earned, it was necessary to save something all the time or one could never be anything but an employee. Even when I earned only $2 a week a certain part of it was put aside for future use."

From cash boy to traveling salesman, from salesman to proprietor, were the next steps in the career of this typical American. At the age of forty he attained his ambition, the ownership of a great newspaper. Years had intervened between desire and fulfilment, but it is worth remembering that the *Times-Herald* was potentially his on the day when he decided on the purpose of his life and began to save his money.—*Selected.*

Admonition

Epitaphs (inscriptions on tombstones) often touch the casual reader; sometimes they make him smile. It is not often they make him stop and think. Among the tombs of the ancient parish church of Luebeck, in North Germany, there is a slab bearing an inscription before which the sightseer pauses and grows reflective as he reads the words cut in the gray stone:

"Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord, to us:
Ye call Me Master and obey Me not;
Ye call Me Light and see Me not;
Ye call Me Way and walk Me not;
Ye call Me Life and desire Me not;
Ye call Me Wise and follow Me not;
Ye call Me Fair and love Me not;
Ye call Me Rich and ask Me not;
Ye call Me Eternal and seek Me not;
Ye call Me Gracious and trust Me not;
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If I condemn you blame Me not."

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— Plans have been filed and building operations will be begun at once for a church edifice for the Church of the Advent, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., pastor, to be erected at Ninety-third street and Broadway. The edifice is to seat 500 and will cost $75,000, exclusive of the site. The edifice will cover the entire site, 55 x 100. The congregation has worshipped for three years in halls, one year in Columbus avenue and the last two years in the Republican Club Hall, in Broadway, above Eighty-third street.

— A reception was tendered to the missionaries and visitors who represented our Church at the Ecumenical Conference on Saturday evening, April 20, at the Hotel Savoy.

— St. Paul's Church has reduced its church debt $3,000 during the past year.

Brooklyn

— On May 6 the new chapel of the English St. Stephen's Church, at Vanderveer Park, Rev. Luther D. Gabel, was formally dedicated. Rev. H. S. Knabenshuh delivered the dedication sermon. Among the speakers at the other services on Sunday evening and during the week were Revs. A. Steimle, S. G. Weiskotten, H. W. Hoffman, J. W. Loch, Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, Judge A. E. Steers and Mr. H. A. Meyer.

— The English Lutheran Missionary Society of Brooklyn, which was organized on May 6, 1898, held its second anniversay May 22, in Christ Lutheran Church, on Lafayette avenue, near Patchen avenue. The spacious edifice was filled with people and the services were very interesting. Addresses were made by Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York, Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., of Lebanon, Pa., Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, the president of the society, and by Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, treasurer.

— In February last the English Lutheran Missionary Society called Rev. C. W. Jefferis to make a canvass of the field known as South Brooklyn, in the part known as Carroll Park. The work resulted in the holding of the first services on March 11. A Sunday school was commenced, and at the meeting on April 30 a congregation was organized under the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Philadelphia

— On May 27 St. James' Church celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary, the pastor, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, preaching the historical sermon.

— St. Mark's Church, of which Dr. Laird is pastor, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, beginning May 13 and ending May 17. Rev. Dr. Krotel, a former pastor, preached the sermon on Sunday morning and Dr. Laird the historical discourse in the evening. Dr. Kunkleman, also a former pastor; Dr. Seip of Muhlenburg College and Dr. Spaeth of Mt. Airy Seminary made addresses on Wednesday evening. Efforts are being made to raise an endowment that will enable a deaconess and other lay helpers to be employed to missionate among the neglected and the poor.

— The members of St. Paul's Church, Third and Brown streets, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the congregation and thirtieth anniversary of the Rev. F. Wischan's pastorate on May 20. The Rev. Leo Koenig of New York delivered the sermon at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Spieker of the Lutheran Seminary, Mt. Airy, and the Rev. H. Grahn assisted in the services. In the evening Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt of St. John's Church delivered the sermon. He was assisted by the Rev. H. Opperman of Emanuel's Church.

— Rev. J. L. Sibole has resigned the pastorate of St. Luke's Lutheran Church to accept a call from Buffalo.

— Rev. S. G. Shannon has resigned as pastor of Bethany Church.

— The Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., recently preached his twenty-fifth anniversary sermon as pastor of St. John's Church of this city. His people brought him a golden offering of $1,000 as a memorial of the event.

— By the will of Mary Baker her church, St. John's of Philadelphia, and her pastor, Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., each receive $1,000. After other bequests to the Philadelphia Hospital for Women ($5,000), Margaret Wilson ($3,000 in trust for life), Sallie Donahue, her servant, and after devising other sums for relatives and servants, the residue is to be divided equally between the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Germantown and the Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Blind Women. The estate is valued at $100,000.

Buffalo

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— Trinity Church came of age this spring, and signalized the twenty-first year in its history by purchasing a beautiful lot for a new church, $12,000 for which is already secured. During these years more than $120,000 has been raised by the congregation. Trinity has been a good missionary mother, as her flourishing daughters will no doubt gladly testify.

— Rev. J. L. Sibole has resigned St. Luke's, Philadelphia, and accepted a call to the Church of the redeemer, previously served by Rev. F. P. Bossart.

Syracuse

— St. Peter's German Church, Rev. Carl Zinssmeister, pastor, was rededicated on May 20, Revs. G. F. Behringer, W. T. Grommisch and H. H. Weber participating. On May 21 the new pastor was installed by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., president of the New York and New Jersey Synod.

Cleveland

— Rev. W. B. Lahr was installed as pastor of the First Lutheran Church on April 22 by Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Hartman, D.D., secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Baltimore

— St. Paul's Church, formerly served by Pastor Conradi, has extended a call to Rev. C. M. Eyster of Manchester.

Jersey City

— Zion's German Lutheran Church, at Greenville, was dedicated with appropriate services on April 22.

— On Sunday, May 6, the corner stone of the English Church of the Redeemer, Rev. J. E. Heindel, pastor, was laid. There were two addresses, one by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., president of the New York and New Jersey Synod, and the other address by Rev. G. F. Behringer, D.D.

Chicago

— Rev. H. B. Kildahl has accepted the call to Covenant Church and will enter the pastorate about the middle of July. During the interval between Rev. C. M. Weswig's departure and Rev. Kildahl's arrival Prof. C. O. Solberg, president of the Luther League of Illinois, will fill the pulpit. The bids for the new chapel have been opened and the congregation hopes to be able to begin to build in the near future.

— The beautiful new St. Simon's Church, corner Spaulding and Pierce avenues, Rev. Charles Knudten, pastor, was consecrated to the service of Almighty God on Sunday, May 6. Dedicatory addresses were made by Rev. Wm. Schuelzke of Springfield and by Rev. H. H. Weber of York, Pa. The morning services were all in German, the afternoon service in both German and English. German addresses were made by Revs. J. D. Severinghaus, D.D., and Wm. Schuelzke, and English addresses by Revs. W. S. Hinman, D.D., F. W. Meyer, Charles P. McLaughlin and H. H. Weber.

Milwaukee

— The Lutheran congregation for deaf mutes in this city, Rev. T. Wangerin, pastor, will shortly erect their own church edifice. Ground has already been purchased.

MISCELLANY

— Calvary Church, Springfield, Ohio, was recently organized. This is the sixth Lutheran church of that city.

— Rev. C. E. Weltner, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Augusta, Ga., formerly of New York, will sail from New York on June 13 for Europe.

— Rev. W. A. Fisher of Danbury, Conn., died on May 17, aged 43 years.

— Revs. J. Steinhaeuser of Allentown, Pa.; H. Schoppe, Union Hill, N. J., and D. W. Petersen, Middle Village, N. Y., will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their service in the ministry on July 6.

— Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. H. Raker, pastor, had the largest Easter communion in the history of the church. All the services were well attended. The Easter offering amounted to $1,089.82.

— Rev. Oliver C. Miller, formerly of Oakland, Cal., is in the Philippines devoting his entire time to successful Christian work among the soldiers and natives. In writing under date of March 27 he says: "I began last June. The need for Christian work both among our soldiers and the natives is greater than one can describe. I have been with the advance of our army, and have seen the island of Luzon from one end to the other."

— A new Finnish Lutheran organization has lately been effected at Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio, said to be the leading Finnish center of the country, which is to be known as the Finnish Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, or, for brevity's sake, the Kansas Synod. The new society is to be the official head of all of the Finnish Lutheran churches in the United States which worship according to the Americanized idea and do not adhere strictly to the religious forms in vogue in the mother country. Its main object is to insure the unity of these churches and ultimately to establish schools and ministerial colleges.

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— The next regular meeting of the Luther League of this city will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Mt. Vernon, West Sidney avenue, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, on June 15. Arrangements are being made for special trolley cars to take delegates, alternates and members of the Leagues from 129th street and Third avenue, and from 135th street and Eighth avenue. A large attendance is expected. Interesting reports will be given by the delegates of the City League to the National Convention.

— The Luther League of Bethany Church, Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer, pastor, has pledged itself to give $10 a year for ten years to help support another missionary in India.

— St. John's Social Union (Christopher street) recently elected the following new officers: Fred. Metzinger, pres.; Fred. C. Hoth, vice-pres.; J. H. Breitmeyer, rec. sec.; Henry Hoth, fin. sec.; William Rahe, cor. sec.; H. F. Kartluke, treas.; G. Heemsath, librarian.

— At the last meeting of the Luther League Choral Union the following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., John H. Boschen, Jr.; vice-pres., Ferd. Bunger; sec., Miss Fannie Baust; treas., Miss Cora Young; librarian, Chas. Staats; asst. librarian, Edward Vogler. The Choral Union held an outing on June 2 which was attended by about 60 and proved a very enjoyable affair.

Brooklyn League

— The Men's League of St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Dr. A. H. Studebaker, pastor, listened to an address by Lieut.-Gov. Timothy L. Woodruff on "The Twentieth Century Man —What Will He Be and What Will He Do?" on May 3, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Rhinebeck District

— The twentieth semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster counties was held in the Third Church, Rhinebeck, Rev. L. D. Wells, pastor, on May 15. A business session was held at 2 o'clock, James M. Reynolds, president, in the chair. Rev. A. S. Hain conducted the opening service. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Traver. Address of welcome by the presiding pastor was responded to by Miss Gertrude Traver in a most pleasing manner. The report of the corresponding secretary shows activity in all of the local societies. Mr. W. N. Tyler, first president of the Central League, delivered an address on "Then and Now." In the evening Rev. J. G. Sugers of Albany gave a strong and timely address on "Remove Not the Old Landmarks." Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York spoke on the subject, "Messages of the Reformation for the Present."

— The Luther League of our Church at Marathon, N. Y., recently gave $10 for the India Famine Relief Fund. The League at Berne gave $5.75.

Albany Central

— The semi-annual convention of the Albany District Luther League was held in St. Paul's Church, Johnstown, N. Y., Rev. Luther S. Black, pastor, on May 8. The attendance was large and much interest was shown. Among the papers was one on "The Basis of Giving," by Eugene A. Hieber of Utica. Theodore W. Rheinbrecht, also of Utica, gave an interesting essay on "The Deaconess' Cause." The address at the evening session was delivered by the Rev. G. A. Bierdemann, D.D., pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, Utica, his subject being "The Church Overshadowed."

— The Luther League of our church at Cobleskill, Rev. G. Albert Getty, pastor, recently celebrated their sixth anniversary. Rev. Frank Wolford of Middleburg delivered the address of the occasion.

Syracuse

— The Young People's Society of Rev. Dalton's church, Syracuse, recently contributed $10 to the India Famine Relief Fund.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Central

— The closing lecture of the course under the auspices of the Luther League of Bethlehem Church was given on April 26 by the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth. The very instructive account of the causes which led to the Thirty Years' War and its great hero, Gustavus Adolphus, was listened to with interest.

— Chas. S. Albert, D.D., delivered a lecture on "Augustine" in St. Luke's Church, Rev. J. L. Sibole, pastor, on April 23, under the auspices of the Luther League.

Allentown District

— The seventh annual convention of this District League was held on May 3 in Grace Church, Phillipsburg, N. J. The afternoon session opened with nearly 200 delegates present, representing 26 societies with a membership of 1,300. President C. A. Dennig, Jr., called the meeting to order, after which Rev. B. F. Apple of Stroudsburg conducted the devotional services. Rev. Joseph Slump, pastor of Grace Church, welcomed the delegates, to which the president responded. The election of officers took place and resulted in re-electing C. A. Dennig, Jr., of Easton, pres.; C. D. Heckenberger of Catasauqua, vice-pres.; W. J. Bieber of Bethlehem, rec. sec.; Miss Alice A. Oberly of Easton, cor. sec., and Sweeden Worsley of South Bethlehem, treas. Delegates were also elected to represent this Central at the State convention at Norristown: delegates, C. A. Dennig, Jr., W. J. Bieber, C. D. Heckenberger, Rev. James F. Laubert, Catasauqua, and Rev. F. F. Fry of Bethlehem. At the evening session Rev. W. G. de A. Hudson conducted the devotional services and St. John's choir of Easton rendered the vesper service and also two very beautiful anthems. The first speaker of the evening was Rev. W. G Hunton of Wilkes-Barre, whose subject was "Cyphers." It was a most interesting address. Rev. Geo. C. Goos of Philadelphia spoke on the subject "Consecration Writ Large." This address was full of advice and enthusiasm. The next convention will be held in St. Michael's Church, Allentown.

— The twelfth semi-annual convention of the Luther League of the Bangor Local Center was held in St. John's Church, Stroudsburg, Rev. B. F. Apple, pastor, on May 17. Addresses were delivered by the following: "The Ideal Luther Leaguer," Rev. E. A. Yehl of Bangor; "What Young Luther Leaguers Should Do for the Church," Rev. J. F. Snyder of East Bangor; "The Nature, Importance and Necessity of True Devotion," Rev. J. W. H. Heintz of East Stroudsburg; "The Status of the Luther League and Its Possibilities," Miss Emma S. Mann of Bangor; "In What Does the Luther League's Strength Consist?" Rev. J. W. Lazarus of Stone Church; "How Can the Luther League Best Fulfill Its Mission—Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church?" by Rev. Geo. S. Kleckner, Pen Argyle. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Pres., Mr. Milton Speer, Delabole, Pa.; vice-pres., Mrs. B. F. Apple, Stroudsburg, Pa.; rec. sec., Miss Emma S. Mann, Bangor, Pa.; cor. sec., Miss Callie Morey, Mt. Bethel, Pa.; treas., Mr. J. Myron Shimer, Bangor, Pa.

Reading Central

— The quarterly convention of the Central Luther League was held last month in Hope Church, Reading. At the afternoon session the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. C. Kline of Hamburg. At the business session the topic, "Should the Church Furnish Entertainment for Its Young People," was discussed at length by Rev. H. C. Kline, Rev. L. Lazarus,

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Rev. W. A. Snyder, A. Raymond Bard, George M. Jones and A. P. Body. Rev. H. C. Kline was elected to represent the Central League at the National Convention and A. P. Body alternate. At the evening session the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Warmkessel, pastor of the church, and Rev. Dr. M. C. Horine. The address of the evening, on "Sabbath Observance," was by Rev. Dr. George B. Hancher of Reading. The musical programme of both sessions was in the hands of Miss Naomi Eshelman. The Leagues represented at the convention were Trinity, Grace, St. Matthew, St. James, Hope and St. Paul, Reading; Faith, West Reading; Trinity, Kutztown; St. Mark, Birdsboro; St. John, Boyertown; Shoemakersville, and St. John, Hamburg.

Upper Lehigh Valley League

—The semiannual convention of this League was held in St. Paul's Church, Kresgeville, Rev. A. C. Wuchter, pastor, May 1 and 2. At the business session the topic, "What Advantages Does the Luther League Extend to Its Members?" was discussed by Mr. W. H. Ripple. Second topic, "Specific Work the Local League May Engage In," was discussed by Chas. Albright. The newly elected officers are: Pres., Rev. J. J. Kuntz; vice-pres., F. F. Serfass; sec., Eva Kunkle; treas., Rev. E. F. Ritter. At the evening session a German address was delivered by Rev. E. F. Ritter on "The Duty of the Older Members to the Luther League." An address in English on "Power" was made by Rev. J. O. Schlenker of Hazleton. Rev. J. O. Schlenker was elected delegate to the National Convention. Representatives to State convention are Geo. Begel, Mrs. Joseph Long and Eva Kunkle. The following essays were presented: "The Devotional Element in Our League Service," by Miss Lizzie Bachman; "What Can the Luther League Do to Educate Its Members in the History and Doctrine of Our Church?" by Rev. G. G. Kunkle; "The Duty of the Luther League Toward Home and Foreign Missions," by Wm. Weigand; "Should the League Provide Themselves with Libraries?" by Miss Anna Schroeder. The Leagues represented at the convention were Hazleton, Lehighton, Kresgeville, Effort, Gilbert, St. John's, Conyngham, White Haven, Freeland, West Hazleton, Audenreid, Weissport, Weatherly, Beaver Meadow, North Weissport and Lehigh Gap.

Juniata Central

—The fourth annual convention of the Juniata Central Luther League was held at Blain, in Zion's Church, Rev. J. B. Lau, pastor, on May 9 and 10. The programme was an interesting one and showed the deep concern felt by all in the welfare of the young people of the Church. S. E. Harkins of Blain delivered a hearty address of welcome to the delegates, to which fitting response was made by Rev. I. O. Moser of Port Royal. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. S. W. Owen, D.D., of Hagerstown, Md. It was eloquent, entertaining and eminently helpful. The subjects discussed on Thursday morning were the following: "Our Young People—Dangers to Which They are Exposed," "What Can They do for Their Own Safety?" "What Are We Doing for Them?" In these discussions the prevailing spirit of thoughtlessness which marks the conduct of some of the young people of the church was deplored. This, among others, was regarded as a real danger, and fruitful of much of the indifference and neglect so often seen later. The young, it was said, need to be warned about their

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dangers, responsibilities and privileges, that they may be more prepared in themselves to meet them, and especially to see what superior advantages the Church at the present day offers to them in the multiplicity and improvement of the means for instruction and training. In the afternoon session an interesting paper on "Junior Work" was read by Sister Lucy Eyster of Loysville, Pa. The discussion of the subject, "Our Reading Course," brought forth the statement that the Lutheran Church has a superior literature to place in the hands of its young people. Considerable thought and care were exercised in arranging the Luther League reading course. It is educational, devotional and practical in its aim, and was especially commended to the young people's societies of the Church as adapted to awakening a greater love for and loyalty to their Church. On Thursday Rev. E. D. Weigle, D.D., of Mechanicsburg addressed the convention on the subject, "The Relation of the Young People to Unfilled Churches." It was eloquent and timely. He noted among the hindering influences worldliness, the decay of family worship and the prevailing looseness of thought, and emphasized the fact that nothing could take the place of the Church; that all other organizations were but auxiliary to it.

Cumberland Valley

— Among the second "seventy" who will contribute $10 a year for ten years to support another missionary in India is the Luther League of our Church at Mechanicsburg.

Kittanning Central

— The congregation at Leechburg recently gave their retiring pastor, Rev. E. F. Krauss, professor-elect in the Chicago Theological Seminary, a parting reception. The Junior Luther League presented him with a gold League badge, and a lady, in behalf of the congregation, in a very happy speech, gave the pastor $100 in gold.

Centre, Clinton and Union Counties

— The sixth annual convention of this District League will be held in Zion's Church, Boalsburg, Rev. G. W. Leister, pastor, on June 26 and 27.

Pittsburgh Central

— The semi-annual meeting was held May 10 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Allegheny, Pa., Rev. H. S. Gilbert, pastor. After routine business the topic of the convention, "Improvement," was discussed in a number of able papers, "Co-operation," by Rev. J. M. Guss; "Finance and Methods," by Rev. H. S. Gilbert; "Relation to State and National Leagues," by Miss Mabel L. Nobbs; "Beneficence," by Rev. Dr. McDaniel. In the evening, before a full house, the theme was contined. "Improvement in the Members." "In Lutheran Culture," by Rev. H. C. Michael; "In Benevolence," by Rev. F. C. E. Lemcke. The full common service was rendered by an appreciative audience most heartily. The finances had a hearing, resulting in over $22 as an offering. New methods of administration and solid work, with improvement along all lines of Lutheran activity, is the ideal of the Pittsburgh Central. Revs. H. S. Gilbert and Dr. A. J. Turkle and Mr. C. W. Fuhr were chosen delegates to Cincinnati. The next convention will be held in the autumn in Mt. Zion Church, Allegheny, Rev. J. S. Brown, pastor, both afternoon and evening.

— The Mission League Central will meet in New Brighton, Pa., July 12. An all day session, with an elaborate programme on timely topics, embracing the alliterative "M" of the National Luther League at Cincinnati, "Men, Means and Methods," will be held.

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— A Luther League was organized recently in St. John's Church of London with 20 members. It meets every Sunday afternoon, and is steadily increasing, both in interest and membership. The officers are: Miss Nora Speasmaker, pres.; Mr. Fred. Mitchell, Jr., vice-pres.; Miss Myrtle Ballenger, sec., and Miss Mary Ballenger, treas. This congregation has been without a pastor since last September. The constantly growing interest and marked increase in the Sunday school attendance, together with the recent organization of the League in this church, speak well for the zeal and activity of its members.

— A Luther League was organized in the Ashville, Ohio., mission on Palm Sunday evening. It starts out with 19 charter members and has bright prospects of success.

— The Cincinnati conference and convention of Sunday schools and young people's societies of Miami Synod was held in St. Paul's Church, Liberty, Ohio, Rev. T. A. Estell, pastor, May 8 to 10.

— The Luther Leagues of Canton rendered the "German Reformation," an oratorio given by home talent under the auspices of Mrs. H. E. Monroe, on May 14 and 15.

— In the Star City Opera House, Miamisburg, on May 4, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., delivered his lecture on "The Germans and Their Achievements in America." The lecture was given under the auspices and for the benefit of the Luther League.

— The Young People's Society of our Church at Rows expect to furnish a new carpet for their church, which has recently been redecorated.

MARYLAND AND THE SOUTH

— The choir and Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's, Baltimore, Md., Rev. P. E. Heilman, pastor, rendered the cantata of "Ruth" on April 26, which was a musical event. The

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chorus numbered 75 voices, conducted by the leader of the choir. It was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

— The India Famine Fund raised by the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. T. J. Yost, pastor, Cumberland, Md., amounted to $15.35.

— On May 8 the annual business meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union, Washington, D. C., was held in St. Paul's Church, Rev. Dr. Domer, pastor. Preceding the business addresses were made by Mr. A. J. D. Wedemeyer of Liberty, N. Y., president of the Luther Statue Association, and by Sister Keturah Smith, the deaconess of the Memorial Church. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are: Pres., Rev. C. H. Butler; first vice-pres., Miss Louie Dale Leeds of St. Paul's; second vice-pres., Mrs. Willis of West Washington; sec., George L. Beeler, Keller Memorial; treas., Miss Lulu McNally, Reformation.

— The Young Men's Society of St. Matthew's Church, Charleston, S. C., had the entire chancel of their church newly carpeted for Easter at a cost of $100.

— The Y. P. S. C. E. of our Church at Carmel, W. Va., Rev. George A. Royer, pastor, contributed $17 to the fund for liquidating the debt on the Oakland Church.

ILLINOIS

— The Luther League of Illinois holds its sixth annual convention at Dekalb on September 4 and 5.

Chicago

— The twenty-fifth annual quarterly convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held on April 30 at the Swedish Bethlehem Church, Rev. Martin Noyd, pastor. The church being located in the extreme southern part of the city, the attendance was poor, only seven of the 23 local Leagues being represented. The meeting was called to order by President H. K. Lantz, and opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin. A committe was appointed to arrange for the annual outing. Rev. Martin Noyd delivered an address replete with helpful thoughts and words of encouragement.

— A reception was tendered to the newly confirmed of Covenant Church on April 19. Addresses were made by the president, M. C. Olson, and by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Weswig. A splendid literary and musical programme was rendered, in which Mr. Olson, Mr. W. J. Taylor and W. W. Klemm took part. A social hour followed.

— Caused by muddy roads and scattered homes, there is a dullness over the society at Elliott during the winter, but with the sun returning the Luther League has revived to new energies and new activities. Better attendance means courage and progress. Members are received at every meeting now. Officers for the next half year, elected at last business meeting, are: Pres., Rev. H. Hoverstad; vice-pres., Arent Anderson; sec., Miss Inger Grunstad; treas., P. K. Dahl. The prospects are good.

— The first convention of the Luther League of the Middle District of Central and Southern Illinois Synod was called in the historic St. Paul's Church of Hillsboro, Ill., May 14. About 25 delegates were present, and an organization was effected with Rev. Ezra Keller of Hillsboro, pres.; Miss Lela Moody of Fillmore, sec., and Mrs. H. C. Funk of Nokomis, treas. The organization voted to join the State League, and elected as delegates to the coming State convention Mr. Coleman of Springfield, Rev. Dr. Hall of Fillmore and Rev. H. C. Funk of Nokomis. Able addresses were made by Dr. Hall on "The Lutheran Church and Her Young People" and by Rev. Funk on "The Key to Success for League Workers." A programme committee was appointed and the next meeting will be held in November. Two-thirds of all the churches in the district were represented and the success of the new organization is assured.

NEW JERSEY

— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Jersey City, Rev. J. E. Heindel, pastor, numbers 45 members.

— The annual election of officers of the Young People's Union of the German Lutheran Church of Elizabeth, N. J., was held May 10 and resulted as follows: Pres., Frank J. Schneider; first vice-pres., Albert Young; second vice-pres., Bertha Fischer; rec. sec., Theodore Fischer; fin. sec., Augusta Neubeck; treas., Louis Brummer; sergt.-at-arms, Wm. Dücker; trustees, Rev. C. G. Fischer, Ernest Trautman and Louis Lear. On May 24 the society celebrated its ninth anniversary, which was well attended by members and friends. A very pleasant programme was rendered, after which refreshments were served. The reports of the secretary and treasurer show the society to be in a prosperous condition and the year just closed to have been a most successful one, with equally bright prospects for the future. The union, in connection with the Y. M. C. A., is now arranging for an excursion to Knickerbocker Grove, on Long Island Sound. Steamer "Sirius" has been chartered and the excursion bids fair to be a success.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of New Jersey was held with the Luther League of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, on May 18. The Rev. E. E. Neudewitz of Jersey City, chairman, presided. Business of great importance was transacted and a renewed interest was manifested. Contributions having been made by the Leagues for this purpose, the president, Rev. F. C. Krapf of Elizabeth, was authorized to draw on the treasurer for his expenses as delegate to the Cincinnati convention. The invitation of the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Jersey City, to hold the next convention with them on election day of 1900 was accepted. At the invitation of the local League, the Rev. J. Geo. F. Blaesi of Bloomfield, N. J., was present and gave an interesting address on "Two Points for Success."

MISCELLANEOUS

— The Luther Leagues of the General Synod Church at Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. L. J. Motchman, pastor, and of Trinity Church (General Council) held a united Easter Sunrise service.

— A Luther League was organized in our church at Cannon Falls, Minn., Rev. M. E. Boulton, pastor, on Sunday evening, April 8.

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